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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to share the most recent guidance that we have received regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). The new guidance is particularly relevant as families may well have travelled during the February break. We are carefully monitoring the guidance from Government and DfE.

The most recent guidance can be found here:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

Risk Level
Based on the World Health Organisation's declaration that this is a public health emergency of international concern, the UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. This permits the Government to plan for all eventualities. **The risk to individuals remains low.**

Returning Travellers
The direct advice for returning travellers is as follows:

1. Based on the scientific advice of the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from **mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau** in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

   The Government are carrying out enhanced monitoring of direct flights from these areas. Passengers will be told how to report any symptoms they develop during the flight, at the time of arrival, or after leaving the airport.

   These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

2. If you have returned from these specific areas since 19 February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:
   Iran
   Specific lockdown areas in northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy
   Special care zones' in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
   Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)

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3. If you have returned from these areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.
   Northern Italy (anywhere north of, and not includeing, Pisa, Florence and Rimini)
   Vietnam
   Cambodia
   Laos
   Myanmar

If families have travelled from the destinations list above, we ask you to follow the guidance and urge you to regularly check the Government website for updates if the situation changes. I also ask that you inform the college if you have travelled from any of the above areas, you have called 111 and, on the basis of the advice received, you have arranged for your son or daughter to self-isolate.

Yours faithfully

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