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Coronavirus - important information

Dear Parents,

With the updates to the advice from Public Health England published yesterday, particularly in response to travellers returning home from Italy, I write to you to reassure you that we are following the news and advice on Coronavirus carefully.

I ask every individual parent to read and follow the published advice, just as we are following it in school: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public.

The health of our school community depends upon the responsible behaviour of every individual within it. If anyone in your family has travelled to the regions specified in this guidance or if you have any reason to suspect that anyone in your family has had contact with anyone returning from these regions, please contact NHS 111 and keep your child(ren) off school pending their advice.

Some of you will be aware that we had to cancel a planned Japanese Exchange two weeks ago in response to Public Health England advice; we continue to assess all the trips and visits planned for the rest of this academic year against the current advice. We will leave final decisions as late as possible so that we make them based on the most recent advice, but it is very possible, if trips have to be cancelled, that some of you may lose deposits you have paid. You will appreciate that such situations are beyond the school's control and that we will always put the safety of your children and our staff before financial penalties.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes.

Steve Elphick Headteacher