

Be Your Best Self



25th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you 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.

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. **The risk to individuals remains low.**

Returning travellers

The advice for returning travellers is as follows:

1. 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 a cough, fever or shortness of breath, should stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.
2. If you have returned from the following specific areas since February 19th 2020, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms: **Iran, specific lock-down 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 and Hubei province in China** (returned in the past 14 days).
3. If you have returned from the following areas since February 19th 2020 and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people and call NHS 111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms: **Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar.**

You may be aware that over the February half-term break school ran a ski visit to northern Italy (not in the lock-down areas) and a visit to Rome, in Italy. The new guidance for those returning from northern Italy is that they should self-isolate, calling 111, **only if they have flu-like symptoms - as per section 3 above.**

Action requested

If families have travelled from the destinations in the list above, we ask you to follow the guidance and urge you to regularly check the www.gov.uk website for updates if the situation changes. If you have reason to call NHS 111 and receive advice to self-isolate yourself or any member of your family, please inform school in writing (including as much detail as possible) as a matter of priority using the following contact details:

Ms Lisa Oxer (l.oxer@tgs.starmat.uk) Attendance Officer

The school will remain fully open to all students. We will continue to monitor the guidance from the Government, North Yorkshire County Council and the Department for Education. Please refer to the school website for any updates.

Yours faithfully,

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