

26 February 2020

Dear Families,

In light of recent developments, we would like to take the opportunity to share with you, the latest Government advice provided to us as an educational establishment with regards to Coronavirus.

The government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals in the UK remains low, however we would like to bring their following advice to your attention.

Advice for those who have travelled recently

Yesterday, the Chief Medical Advisor for England, Chris Whitty updated advice for travellers returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19, which you can find at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

If you have returned from the following specific areas since 19th 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 (see link to maps below)
- Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days – see link to maps below)

If you have returned from the following 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:

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

If you have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath and have visited any of the following areas in the last 14 days, stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel:

- China, apart from Hubei province (see link to maps below)
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones (see link to maps below)
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

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Maps showing affected regions of China, Republic of Korea and Italy

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

Where to find the latest information

Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Guidance for educational settings

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Please also visit www.nhs.uk where you can find further information and guidance

The www.gov.uk is also an excellent site for the emerging situation and any government advisories which need to be considered.

Ski Trip 2020

As you may be aware we have a planned trip that is due to leave for Italy over the Easter break.

We are currently seeking advice from our ski trip provider and following Government guidance and will keep the relevant parties updated as soon as we have any further information.

As previously stated, the current risk to individuals in the UK is low. However we appreciate that there may be some anxiety around the situation within our community, particularly amongst students. We will speak with students this week to reassure them and at the same time share with them the advice that has been provided to help prevent the spread of the virus but is general good hygiene advice that we would want them to be following in any case.

We thank you for your understanding and support. If you have any specific concerns that are not covered in the information above, then please do not hesitate to contact the school at admin@themisbourne.co.uk. However, we will continue to update you as and when advice changes.

Yours sincerely,



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