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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus

Given the increase in concern regarding the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) I am writing to assure you that Dover Christ Church Academy continues to remain in close contact with both Public Health England and the Department for Education and will be implementing any specific guidance that may be issued.

At present Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals in the UK remains low. However, specific advice to individuals who have travelled from certain areas has been issued as follows:

Category 1 Countries / areas

Wuhan city and Hubei Province, Iran, Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea), and any Italian town under containment measures.

Any travellers returning from category 1 countries /areas should self-isolate, even if asymptomatic, and call NHS 111 to inform of recent travel.

Category 2 Countries / areas

Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Northern Italy, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam

Any travellers returning from category 2 countries /areas do not need to undertake any special measures, but if they develop symptoms they should self-isolate and call NHS 111.

I would be very grateful if you can inform us if you or any of your family have returned from these areas within the last 14 days. We will, of course, treat this information in strict confidence.

Whilst we need to be mindful of the specific advice to travelers who may have returned from these countries, some very good general advice on preventing the spread of coronaviruses has been issued by Public Health England and I have enclosed a copy of this for your information. Copies are already on display throughout the Academy.

I can assure you that we will keep you informed of any significant changes in guidance issued to the Academy.

Yours sincerely



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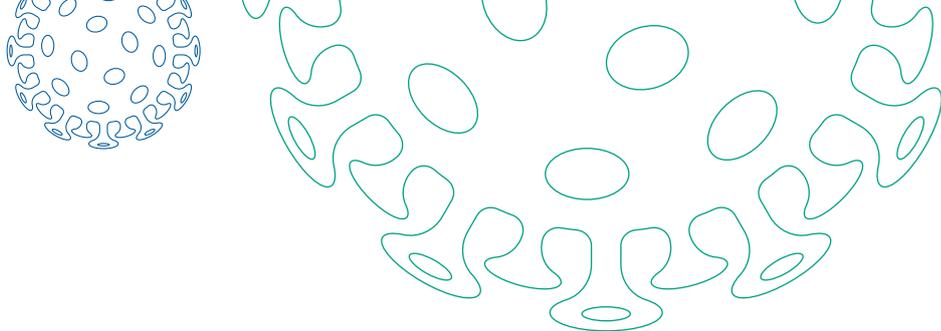
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Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

