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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Coronavirus Information Sharing**

I am writing to share the most recent guidance from Public Health England which contains the steps we should be taking to help prevent the spread of infection from the coronavirus/ COVID-19.

I can reassure you that here at Greenford we have no specific concerns, however, we obviously need to follow government guidance and be vigilant. Please can I ask you to make yourselves aware of the guidance around procedures, following return from a recent trip abroad. The guidance is available to read in full at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public#advice-for-travellers>. I have summarised the key details below:

If you or your children have returned from travel since 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020, from a category 1 area (listed below) you should immediately stay indoors, avoid contact with other people and not send your child to school. You should also call NHS 111 to inform them of the recent travel to the area and also inform the school office. This advice applies **even if no symptoms are in evidence**. **The category 1 areas are:**

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy (Lombardy and Veneto)
- 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)

If you or your children have returned from a category 2 area (listed below) in the last 14 days, you should test the temperature of your child daily before sending them to school and keep them at home if this shows a reading of greater than 38 degrees celsius or if they show any other symptoms. You should also stay at home and call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment.



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**The category 2 areas are:**

- China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini).

If you've returned from any of the category 1 or 2 areas or countries, look out for the following symptoms:

- Cough; Difficulty in breathing; Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

According to other official guidance, while you wait for further advice, please:

- Avoid contact with others
- Stay at home – don't go to work or school
- Don't travel while sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser).

**If you have not travelled recently to any of the affected areas, there is no cause for concern and we expect normal, full attendance** from all students unless you inform us of the fact that you have returned from one of the areas listed above, and have reason to be concerned for your child's health.

Many thanks for your attention in this matter.

Best Wishes

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