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Dear Parents and Carers

This morning we received further advice from the Department for Education and want to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals in the UK remains **low**.

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, at:

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

We are aware that children may have travelled abroad over the February half term holiday and ask you to please read the following information. 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
- Special care zones in South Korea
- Hubei province

If you have returned from the following areas since 19th 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

Please follow the link on our original information sheet to show maps of areas affected.

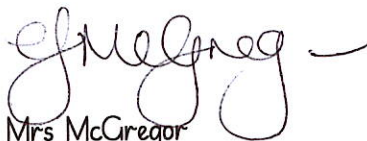
Where to find the latest information

Public Health England blog: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronaviruswhat-you-need-to-know/>

If you have travelled to any of these identified areas, please inform us as soon as possible by emailing contact.us@stjamespri.uk

Should you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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