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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Re: Coronavirus concerns

Assalamu Alaykum

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and imaan. Aameen.

You're likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. We have received advice from advisory organisations relating to the current Coronavirus outbreak and the response required by schools. The risk profile of the virus is changing dynamically and schools are being asked to respond accordingly. The Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO) continues to advise against all travel to the Hubei Province and all but essential travel to mainland China.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

Anyone returning from China will be required to spend 14 days in isolation. It also states that those returning from the following countries and becoming symptomatic are asked to self-isolate and contact 111:

- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

If you've returned from the specified countries or Hubei, look out for the following symptoms:

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

If you have any of these symptoms:

- If it's an emergency, call 999 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days
- If you're unwell, but it's not an emergency, call NHS 111 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days

While you wait for further advice:

- 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, throwing tissues in the bin
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available)

In order to minimise risk to the school community, please contact the school if you or members of your family intend to travel to the above countries over half term. If you or your child/children have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Wassalam



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