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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter last week, we have been in contact with Public Health England (PHE) to obtain some guidance on what schools should do regarding planned school trips, as we have a number of trips planned this half term.

The advice given was that unless the school trips are in designated areas which has been infected by coronavirus, there is no need to cancel them.

We have been advised of a PHE blog which provides daily updates on the places of concern, which we will monitor and act accordingly in line with guidance also from the Local Authority.

The information we have to date is:

The symptoms of this new coronavirus (now known as COVID-19) include fever and respiratory symptoms including coughing, sneezing, and shortness of breath. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild.

If you have returned from these specific areas since February 19, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- <u>Specific lockdown areas in the Lombardy and Veneto regions</u> of Northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy
- Daegu or Cheongdo in South Korea
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)

If you have returned from these areas since February 19th 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 as North of Pisa but 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:

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

Stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel to the city

As a school we have monitored any families who have taken unauthorised holidays in school time or have planned holidays.

We will keep you updated when we have any more information.

With kindest regards,

Mrs J Narraway

Head Teacher

