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At Rokesly...

Our community is warm and welcoming

Learning is fun and fascinating

We celebrate the things that make us special

We challenge ourselves to go further

26th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus concerns

You are likely to be aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus in China and other countries, and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

There is currently no cause for concern at our school.

As a precaution please ensure that you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus. We shall also remind the children at school:

- 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
- 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 become unwell and are worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

Please keep yourselves updated with latest updates from the department health and social care as guidance is constantly updated <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

If you have travelled recently, please see the advice overleaf

Yours faithfully,

Grant Bright
Head teacher

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, which you can find at:

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

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 (see link to maps below)
- Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days – see link to maps below)

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 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 – see link to maps below)
- 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

Maps showing affected regions of China, Republic of Korea and Italy

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

Where to find the latest information Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>