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Dear Parents and Carers,

There is quite a bit of information this morning in the news about schools and the Covid-19 (coronavirus) infection. We are delivering a message to pupils during registration about preventing the spread of infections through good personal hygiene. I have attached the information shown to pupils to this letter. This is based on the most recent guidance from the Government.

The key message from the Government is that should individuals present with flu-like symptoms, they should ring NHS Direct (111) to seek advice.

Given our recent half term break, please note specifically the following information from the Department of Education and take appropriate action:

If you have returned from these specific areas since 19 February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms (therefore pupils should not be in school if you have travelled to these areas):

- Iran
- specific lockdown areas in northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy
- 'special care zones' in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
- Hubei province (China) (returned in the past 14 days)

If you have returned from these 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 (you do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.)

- Northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

Additionally, it would be prudent for pupils to ensure that they have their own pack of tissues to bring to school and ensure that they practise good hand-wash hygiene. (Please see attached presentation.) Additional steps may be to purchase a bottle of hand sanitiser that the pupils can keep in their bags for their own personal use for any bacterial infections.

Additional advice about the Covid-19 infection can be found using the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Should any of the advice change we will, of course, keep you updated. If you wish to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours Faithfully



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