

26th February 2020

RE: The Cottesloe School

Dear Parent / Carer

You are no doubt aware of the current situation regarding the Coronavirus. The situation is changing rapidly and we are monitoring closely the advice and guidance given by the Department for Education and Public Health England.

There is no current concern at the school, but we will keep you well informed about any developments and ensure that the school helps prevent the spread of any virus.

The most recent advice includes guidance on returning travellers to a growing number of countries including some areas of Northern Italy.

The following extract is from the latest government advice.

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

Based on the scientific advice of the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

We are carrying out enhanced monitoring of direct flights from these areas. Passengers will be told how to report any symptoms they develop during the flight, at the time of arrival, or after leaving the airport.

These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

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:

1. ***Iran***
2. ***specific lockdown areas in northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy***
3. ***'special care zones' in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea***
4. ***Hubei province (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.



1. **Northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini)**
2. **Vietnam**
3. **Cambodia**
4. **Laos**
5. **Myanmar**

Advice and guidance about simple practices that can help stop the spread of viruses is widely available in the media and online. Please take a moment to share these with your children.

Please rest assured that there are currently no concerns at the school and we are monitoring the situation very closely.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

