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Dear Parents

In the light of its further spread, I am writing with a further update to our guidance relating to the Coronavirus COVID-19 in the light of the latest advice from Public Health England (PHE) and IAPS; it is not intended to constitute legal or medical advice.

Restrictions

As of today, PHE has updated its advice as follows for returning travellers in the last 14 days as follows. Parents and families should refer to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk> for advice following returning to the UK. We will not list the countries as they are subject to frequent change.

Category 1 areas: stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from these areas, even if you don't have symptoms.

Category 2 areas: Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath, even if your symptoms are mild.

For the purposes of school, we are extending this to any pupil, staff or visitor who has been in contact with such a person and who is displaying any of the above symptoms. Any pupil or staff who has been in close contact with a confirmed case of Coronavirus must also self-isolate and remain away from school.

We advise that pupils should avoid travel in Category 1 or 2 areas affected owing to the risk of further measures being taken that may prevent their return to school after Easter.

Measures taken so far

Measures the school has taken to keep pupils and staff safe include the following:

- Specific advice on correct handwashing procedures has been delivered to all pupils, staff and visitors via assemblies and in classes. Handwashing is being monitored and its importance reiterated by staff as appropriate.
- Sanitising gel is being provided throughout the school.
- A thorough risk assessment is in place which is being discussed and updated regularly.
- All activities, fixtures and trips scheduled for the remainder of the term and Summer term are subject to ongoing review.

Contingency planning

We are now planning for worst case scenarios in the next phase of Coronavirus spread, including providing continuity of education in the event of school closure or widespread pupil absence.

As per our Terms and Conditions, in the event of us being forced to close the school, if requested by PHE, we will endeavour to try to continue to provide education for your child remotely during such a period.

Parents may, therefore, wish to ensure that children would have facilities to access distance learning at home, including a suitable laptop/PC and internet connection.

Once again, I am extremely grateful to everyone for your ongoing support, and will of course continue to update you as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynda Brereton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Lynda Brereton
Head