

14th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Sharing National Guidance - Coronavirus

You are likely to be aware of the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At the Trust, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we are sharing guidance from Public Health England on the steps they recommend that we should all be taking.

It is important that we all keep up with the advice from the government; this may change from time to time.

It is very important that we all help to prevent the spread of infection generally. The advice provided reminds us to make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus.

We are following these principles in school:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick – if you can
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and do not attend work or school – let someone know if you are a single parent/carer and if you need help
- 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 – especially toilets and sink areas.
- Make sure that dummies and stress reducing balls/toys are clean
- If you are worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment – Call 111 and listen to their advice. If you or your child are having severe difficulty with breathing, please call 999 and ask for assistance

If you or your children have returned from anywhere in Hubei province in past 14 days:

If you or your children are currently well:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with flu viruses
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

- Your other family members do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

- Please call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital or other medical centre as directed – do this as quickly as possible

If you or your children have returned from a specified country in last 14 days

The specified countries are:

- China (other than Hubei)
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand

and if you or your children are well:

- You do not need to avoid contact with other people
- Your other family members do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

But, if you become unwell:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses
- Follow the home isolation advice
- Call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible or if you are having significant difficulty in breathing dial 999 and ask for assistance.

The Government have identified symptoms to look out for.

If you have returned from the specified countries or Hubei, look out for the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

If you have any of these symptoms:

- If it is an emergency, call 999 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days
- If you are unwell, but it is not an emergency, call NHS 111 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days

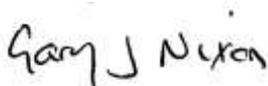
While you wait for further advice:

- Avoid contact with others
- Stay at home – do not go to work or school
- Do not travel while sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water are not available)

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact 111 and an advisor will be able to offer you advice that is bespoke to you or your child and situation.

We wish you well; in the very unlikely event of either you or a member of your family or one of our pupils or students contracting the CORONAVIRUS, then please call either Warren Wood or Aegir and let us know.

Yours sincerely



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