ASHLYNS SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Further to our update in the last E-bulletin, new information regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been made available, specifically in relation to returning travellers, including those from some parts of Italy.

In summary, the advice for individuals returning from overseas is as follows:

Returning travellers

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. 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 NHS111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- 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 (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 NHS111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

The following link provides the full details: Coronavirus information for the public

Chesham Road, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire HP4 3AH T: 01442 863605 E: admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk The following link summarises the advice from Public Health England for educational establishments, which we will continue to follow. Advice for education settings

Again, there is currently no cause for concern at school, but we will keep you informed about any further developments and provide information updates as we receive them.

Yours sincerely

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