



Wednesday 26th February 2020

RE: Coronavirus – Latest Advice

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government has issued new advice to schools on how to respond to the current concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, as well as continually updating its public health advice. As you would expect we are following this advice.

The latest advice is that individuals travelling from certain heavily affected areas now known as "Category One" (Hubei province, Iran and specific quarantine areas of Italy and South Korea) should now self-quarantine, avoiding contact with other people, even if they do not have symptoms. The list of these places along with maps can be found here: <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>

We are not currently aware of any staff or students that have recently travelled from these areas.

The Government also advises that individuals travelling from other affected areas known as "Category Two" (also listed with maps on the hyperlink above) should self-isolate only if they develop symptoms. They can otherwise continue to attend school and work as usual. Therefore any individuals travelling from a COVID-19 affected area, who subsequently become unwell, are to remain at home and contact NHS 111 for further advice and are requested to immediately inform me (nmcsweeney@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

We will continue to issue reminders of general hygiene advice to staff and students, which appear to be the very best prevention against COVID-19 and indeed all other common respiratory infections. The school will, of course, adapt its approach should Government advice change.

Latest information and advice can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Should you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Best wishes,

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