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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Further to our previous correspondence, you are likely to have seen in the media there has been wider spread of the coronavirus, also referred to as COVID-19, in northern Italy and new associated travel cases in Europe. Public Health England has therefore revised their guidance to include advice for travellers from these affected areas. Please be aware that this guidance is changing, the government website www.gov.uk/coronavirus is updated daily with the latest information and advice.

As reported cases of the virus increase, we want to make sure that you have the advice you need to stay as safe as possible. We need to be sensible and avoid risks, whilst ensuring we do not compromise the education of our students. If you or a family member has recently travelled to a high risk country please follow Public Health England's guidance, and if you or a family member should develop symptoms of shortness of breath, high temperature and fever and cough, you should contact your GP by telephone or NHS111 and get advice. **Please do not send your child to school if they show any of these symptoms.**

The guidance from the DfE and the Department of Health is updated daily.

The full guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The countries/areas that have implications for return visitors or travellers in respect of the virus can be seen 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>

Yours faithfully

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