



Dear Parent/Carer

Advice and guidance – Coronavirus - COVID-19 - NHS England

As I am sure you are aware from the news, the situation with Coronavirus is being monitored daily by our government.

As a College and Trust we are regularly checking updates from the Department of Education (DfE), Department of Health, Public Health England and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

I have included the latest advice to schools and parents below from NHS England and further advice from Public Health England with regards to returning travellers.

We, like all schools, have been asked to support the government's campaign by passing on the following information.

You can access the page here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Covid–19 advice for schools and educational settings

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect children and staff returning from school trips. Please be aware that this is a complex, dynamic and evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.

As of today, advice for returning travellers is as follows:

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 February, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms**:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy¹ as designated by the Government of Italy
- Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea)
- Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

If you have returned from the following 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 do not have symptoms:

- Northern Italy
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately stay indoors and avoid contact with other people, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

This guidance can be found in full online here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

A full list of affected areas, including maps, can be found online here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

Guidance for educational settings has been published and is also available online. Please note that this is currently being reviewed and updated so please check back regularly:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

What can we all do now?

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please re-enforce the advice given in this campaign with your son/daughter in that the best way to stop the spread of any virus is to promote basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, within school we will be encouraging all students to wash their hands thoroughly before eating and also to use the sanitisers around the college.

The UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate, but the risk to individuals remains low.

Stoke Damerel Community College continues to remain open as usual with all events continuing to run as per the calendar. We will continue to follow all NHS England guidance and Local Authority advice, ensuring that the health and wellbeing of all students and staff remains a priority. We will continue to update parents as advised by the UK government accordingly.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



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