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Dear Parent or Carer

### Information notice regarding the coronavirus

Our school and all East Riding schools are continuing to closely monitor the national situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19) and are acting on any advice given by Public Health England and specific advice provided for schools by the Department for Education.

**If pupils, students or staff in your childcare or educational setting have travelled from any [Category 1 specified country/area](#) in the past 14 days**

#### Category 1 countries/areas

- Wuhan city and Hubei Province (China, [see map](#))
- Iran
- Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea, [see map](#))
- Any Italian town under containment measures ([see map](#))

*If an individual falls into this category, contact NHS 111 for further advice:*

- *if they are currently well, they should self-isolate for 14 days and you should follow the advice as above for contacts of confirmed cases in the educational setting*
- *if they become unwell please call NHS 111 immediately for them to be assessed by an appropriate specialist. You should follow the advice as above for contacts of confirmed cases in the educational establishment. If they require emergency medical attention, call 999 and tell the call handler or ambulance control that the person has a history of recent travel to risk areas for COVID-19*

As stated previously, we have not been made aware of any student or staff member who has returned from any of the above areas in the past 14 days. This includes those students and staff who have recently returned from trips abroad, including our ski trip for which the guidance goes on to cover below:

**If a pupil, student or staff member has travelled from a [Category 2 specified country/area](#) in the last 14 days**

#### Category 2 countries/areas

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| • Cambodia                                  | • Malaysia           |
| • China*                                    | • Myanmar            |
| • Hong Kong                                 | • Republic of Korea* |
| • Italy: north* ( <a href="#">see map</a> ) | • Singapore          |
| • Japan                                     | • Taiwan             |
| • Laos                                      | • Thailand           |
| • Macau                                     | • Vietnam            |

*If they are currently well:*

- *they are advised to self-isolate **only if they develop symptoms***
- *they can continue to attend work or education*
- *they do not need to avoid contact with other people*
- *their family do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities*
- *testing people with no symptoms for COVID-19 is currently not recommended*
- *it is useful to always take a mobile phone with them when they go out so that they can contact others if they do become unwell*

*If they become unwell:*

- *they should stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as they would with other flu viruses (see this [home isolation advice sheet](#)).*
- *they (or a family member, colleague or member of staff) should call NHS 111 immediately for them to be assessed by an appropriate specialist, as quickly as possible*
- *they should stay at home and should not attend work or education*
- *they should not go directly to their GP or other healthcare environment*
- *if they require emergency medical attention, call 999 and tell the call handler or ambulance control that the person has a history of recent travel to risk areas for COVID-19*
- *see [further information](#) and the [Public Health England Blog](#)*

Please be reassured that, where the very small number of students who have visited a category 2 area and have self-isolated because of mild symptoms, **the laboratory tests for COVID-19 have come back negative.**

The latest information for travellers is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public#situation-in-the-uk>

General information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the NHS website here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely



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