



9th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since my last update at the start of term the spread of the Coronavirus in the UK has increased. As RCSAT we remain vigilant to all the advice we receive daily from Public Health England and the Local Authority. There is however no cause for concern at present.

We continue to run an increased cleaning regime across the schools and are placing key focus on hand washing with the children and staff. All adult visitors are now asked to sanitise their hands before entering the building. Posters make all of this clear to both those in the building each day and those visiting.

As I write, there are no confirmed cases in our area. We are however aware that the spread of the virus is not something we can accurately predict so we must stay very alert to changes. That may mean decisions have to be made quickly to reflect the situation locally.

We want day to day life at all our schools to stay as normal and carefree for our children as we are able. We ask you to support us with this. If you feel your child has any of the symptoms described in the link below, particularly a raised temperature and/or a dry cough or a shortness of breath or have had contact with anyone who have recently travelled to the UK from one of the countries shown below, that you take advice via 111 before sending them to school.

As schools we are trying to make our actions informed and proportionate so that we continue to serve our children, families, staff and the wider community as well as we can.

Yours sincerely,

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COVID-19: Specified countries and areas with implications for returning travellers or visitors arriving in the UK

Category 1: Travellers should self-isolate, even if asymptomatic, and use the [111 online coronavirus service](#) to find out what to do next. Go home or to your destination and then self-isolate.

Category 2: Travellers do not need to undertake any special measures, but if they develop symptoms they should self-isolate and call NHS 111.

The guidance for Italy, Iran, Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea), Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam applies to individuals who returned from these specific areas on or after 19 February 2020.

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](#))

Category 2 countries/areas

Cambodia

China*

Hong Kong

Italy ([see map](#))

Japan

Laos

Macau

Malaysia

Myanmar

Republic of Korea*

Singapore

Taiwan

Thailand

Vietnam

For more information on symptoms:

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