



Leventhorpe
a business and enterprise academy

Coronavirus Update for Parents and Carers: 26th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a rapidly evolving situation, which we are monitoring carefully. Based on the available evidence, the current risk to the UK population is classified as low to moderate.

However, as parents and carers will understand, in a busy school such as Leventhorpe, the transmission of a respiratory virus from person to person is possible, and although we are reminding our students about minimising transmission, it is very possible that if a person carrying the virus were to come to the school they might pass the virus on to other persons in the school.

We have students at school with other existing health conditions that make them vulnerable to viruses and infection and it is our obligation to help keep our young people safe and minimise risk.

For this reason we are asking that you keep updated with current government advice about travel risk areas and notify us immediately if you have any concern that your child or members of your household may have been exposed.

With the emerging number of reported cases in Northern Italy over the last few days, we feel it is necessary to highlight the guidance and instructions currently being provided by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Public Health England.

It is your responsibility to notify the school immediately if your child or family member has travelled to or from, or has had direct contact with anyone from, a Novel Coronavirus affected area in the last 14 days please contact us via:
education@leventhorpe.net

NHS advice is clear that any individual who has returned from the following specific areas since 19th February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (see link to maps below)
- Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days – see link to maps below)

Also, If you have returned from the following areas since 19th February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111:

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini – see link to maps below)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

And further, if you have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath and have visited any of the following areas in the last 14 days, stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel:

- China, apart from Hubei province (see link to maps below)
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones (see link to maps below)
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

We would also ask you to be cautious if your child is experiencing any flu like symptoms, no matter where they have been in the past 14 days, and keep them away from school to aid their recovery in your home.

If your child does begin to develop flu-like symptoms while at school they will be isolated immediately and await medical advice and further instruction from the NHS.

The public situation and advice is evolving rapidly and it is unlikely that we as a school will be able to communicate as frequently as we would like on this matter, and so for this reason we would ask all parents to keep up to date with the latest information released by the government on this matter.

You can access the latest government information and advice here:

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

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus, which is attached for your reference.

We have also included in our communication and advice letter from Hertfordshire local education authority on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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