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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you about Coronavirus and the measures the school is taking to keep all students safe. We continue to monitor the situation regularly and to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE). We are encouraging all members of the school to help in slowing the spread of all germs, including Coronavirus, and protecting themselves by:

- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs or sneezes;
- placing the tissue in the bin;
- to kill the germs, washing their hands with soap and water, or using a sanitiser gel.

Public Health England (PHE) and Leicestershire County Council have yesterday (9 March) confirmed that a second Leicestershire resident has a confirmed case of COVID-19. PHE and Leicestershire County Council say the risk to the general public remains low.

Public Health England, Leicestershire County Council and the local NHS continue to work closely together in Leicestershire to respond and Public Health England is currently contacting people who may have had close contact with the second confirmed case.

Close contacts will be given health advice about symptoms and emergency contact details to use if they become unwell in the 14 days after they had contact with the confirmed case. This tried and tested method will ensure that any risk to them is minimised and the wider public is protected. PHE and the NHS are well-prepared to deal with coronavirus and the priority is to safeguard local communities which sometimes involves taking preventative measures to help reduce the risk of further cases.

Based on current evidence, Coronavirus COVID-19 presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild. Anyone who is concerned about health symptoms is advised to follow the advice about what to do on the [Government's website](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public) (www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public) and nhs.uk.



The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has also advised against all but essential travel to China and advised extra precautions for people returning from the following areas:

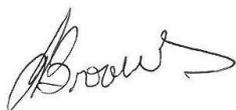
- mainland China
- Macao
- Iran
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Vietnam
- Hong Kong
- Cambodia
- Italy
- Laos
- Myanmar
- South Korea
- Thailand

The latest information on the at risk countries can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus.

We will be endorsing this guidance in our school, so if any members of your family, including students at the school, visit any of the countries or are visited by people coming to the UK from these countries, they will not be allowed at school until they have self-isolated for fourteen days in a non-affected area. If any student comes into close contact with such a person (e.g. if a parent has arrived from a country listed above and seen a student over half term) then that student may not return to school, or have contact with other members of the school community, until they have remained symptom-free for 14 days.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep in touch with you as it develops. Thank you for your support in protecting the health and wellbeing of all our students.

Yours faithfully



Jason Brooks
Head Teacher