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Dear Families,

With the Coronavirus' high profile in the news currently, the UK government, together with the NHS, have advised to use some simple but effective precautions to help protect your family and yourself against this infection. Whilst the chances of contracting Coronavirus in the UK remains low, these precautions will also protect against other flu-type illnesses.

Recommendations are to:

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue and wash your hands or use a sanitiser gel
- wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Travel

The UK government has additional advice for people travelling **into** the UK which may be relevant in light of the half-term holiday and forthcoming Easter break.

Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province to the UK in the last 14 days, you should immediately

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area
- please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus

Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas

This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas:

- elsewhere in China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia

- Macau
- Italy - and specifically 10 small towns in Lombardy (Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano) and one in Veneto (Vo' Euganeo), which have been isolated by the Italian authorities due to an ongoing outbreak of coronavirus).

If you return to the UK from any of these 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 as you would with the flu
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country
- Inform us by telephone

We wish you and your children a happy and healthy term and do not want to unduly worry them or yourselves. If you have any further concerns you can get health and travel advice at the following websites:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachael Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

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