

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus concerns

You're likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Lyndon School we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we are taking this opportunity to share [guidance](#) from The Department for Education and Public Health England on steps all stakeholders can take to prevent the spread of any virus.

We would like to remind families that there is currently no cause for concern at the school; thus, this correspondence is purely precautionary, and intended to raise awareness amongst our families, students and staff. Should there be any changes to the advice given to schools from Public Health England we will, of course, keep our families informed and continue to ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

Guidance in respect of preventing the spread of infection for families:

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

If you or your children have returned from a category 1 country or area in past 14 days

This includes:

- Wuhan city and Hubei province, China
- Iran (only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020)
- Daegu or Cheongdo, South Korea*
- Any Italian town under containment measures* (see the map [here](#))

Contact NHS 111 for advice, and:

- Self-isolate for 14 days after leaving the country or area (see the [home isolation advice sheet](#) for help with this)
- If you become unwell, call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention) – see below for the symptoms to look out for

If you or your children have returned from a category 2 country or area in last 14 days

This includes:

- Cambodia
- China
- Hong Kong

- › Italy: north* (see the map [here](#) and only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020)
- › Japan
- › Laos
- › Macau
- › Malaysia
- › Myanmar
- › Singapore
- › Republic of Korea
- › Taiwan
- › Thailand
- › Vietnam

If you or your children are well:

- › You don't need to avoid contact with other people
- › Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell (see below for a list of symptoms):

- › Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses (see the [home isolation advice sheet](#) for help with this)
- › Call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention)

Symptoms to look out for

If you've returned from any of the category 1 or 2 areas or countries, look out for the following symptoms:

- › Cough
- › Difficulty in breathing
- › Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

According to other [official guidance](#), while you wait for further advice:

- › Avoid contact with others
- › Stay at home – don't go to work or school
- › Don't travel while sick
- › Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin
- › Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available)

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bailey, Senior Operations Manager on 0121 743 3402. We would ask that all families continue to check their website regularly for updates. The website details are <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Yours sincerely

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