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Dear Parents and carers

Coronavirus

As the national advice regarding Coronavirus seems to be changing daily, it seems an opportune time to flag to you some things to bear in mind going forward.

1. Some families may have spent time over the holidays in regions to which an NHS health advisory now applies. This would now include areas of North Italy, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos or Myanmar: China, South Korea, Thailand, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, and Macau are also covered. Any person who has the defined symptoms having recently travelled in those areas is, at the time of writing, advised to self quarantine and call 111. Please see www.nhs.gov.uk where you can find the full guidance, which I am sure will be updated. **Currently there is no advice relating to Tenerife, however this may change in time.**

2. There is no requirement for the family or other contacts of such a symptomatic person to do anything other than work or attend school as normal UNLESS that symptomatic person in self quarantine is confirmed as having coronavirus by a positive test.

3. Otherwise, non-symptomatic people only have to self quarantine if they have spent time in a very high risk area. These are defined on the NHS website.

The www.gov.uk is also an excellent site for the emerging situation and any government advisories which need to be considered.

At the time of writing, there are still only a handful of UK confirmed cases, out of 6,795 people tested. We do have posters around the school from NHS giving information for adults. In addition, the teachers today have spoken to the children about general hygiene:

- **Washing hands after going to the toilet, before eating and after break/PE activities.**
- **Using a tissue to cough or sneeze and deposit it in a bin.**
- **Use the hand gels around the school and in their classrooms before eating and after going to the toilets.**

Additional hand gels have been issued to each class today and the site team have been instructed to ensure that handwashing and drying facilities are regularly stocked. Let me reassure parents that we have been doing thinking and planning for any and all contingencies, but at the moment we are looking to continue all normal functions and planned activities.

Many thanks

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