

26th February 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to update you about the School's position with regard to the latest developments concerning the Coronavirus Covid-19, and also looking ahead to the forthcoming Easter holiday.

The government has revised its latest advice, including measures for those returning from regions of the recent outbreak in Northern Italy, which can be found here:

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

The guidance for those who have been travelling in **Category A** and **Category B** regions is below (please consult the website for a full list of countries and regions affected):

Category A (Such as Hubei Province, special 'care zones' in South Korea and specific towns in Northern Italy) : Showing no Symptoms and recently returned from designated zones.

If you have returned from these specific areas since February 19th, you should call NHS111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms**.

Category B (Such as areas of Northern Italy outside of the 11 towns under specific containment measures, Thailand, Hong Kong and Singapore) : Developing symptoms - however mild and recently returned from the specific areas listed.*

If you have returned from these areas since February 19th **and develop symptoms, however mild**, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. *You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.*

Canford and the Easter break

The situation clearly remains fluid and therefore any advice that we give at this stage may well change in the coming weeks. However, if you are due to be travelling over the Easter break, especially with those taking GCSE and A level exams in the summer, please do keep in mind that quarantine advice could alter and that we will have to implement government recommendations as the situation develops.

Ultimately, we remain committed to responding in a proportionate and appropriate manner to safeguard the School community. Pupils have been given additional advice about hygiene and what to do if feeling unwell, and we will continue to be sensitive to those members of our community who are most affected. The School's policy is that any pupil who has even a mild temperature or flu-like conditions is to be kept in isolation. With boarders this means that they will be asked to go home and we would ask that the same occurs with day pupils.

Thank you again for your support regarding this challenging issue.

*Bertonico, Castalbusterlengo, Castelgerundo, Castiglione D'Adda, Codogno, Fombio, Maleo, Sanfiorano, Somaglia, Terranova del Passerini and Vo' Euganio

Kind regards,

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