

28th January 2020

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware from reports in the media, there is a new strain of a virus called Wuhan Novel Coronavirus ('Coronavirus') that appears to have its origins in China and has now been reported in countries outside China. The level of risk for people in the UK is currently assessed by Public Health England as low. Currently, there are no confirmed cases of this new infection in the UK. At Canford we are monitoring the situation very carefully, with guidance from the Boarding Schools Association (BSA) and Public Health England to help protect the health of our staff and pupils. The latest update from the NHS can be found here www.nhs.uk/conditions/wuhan-novel-coronavirus

Over the past few days we have discussed this with the School Doctors, Health Centre staff, across the SLT and with Governors. The wellbeing of our whole school community is of the utmost importance. This is a dynamic situation and we will continue to keep you informed as to what action it is appropriate for us to take as official advice changes for both UK based and overseas pupils. Should you wish to discuss any of the above, particularly if you are planning to travel abroad in the near future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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