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Dear Parent/Carer

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CONCERNS

You're likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At The Dorchester Learning Centre we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England (below) on steps we all should be taking.

Prevent the spread of infection

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
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- 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 environments

If you or your children have returned from anywhere in Wuhan and Hubei province in past 14 days If you or your children are currently well:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with flu viruses
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area
 - Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

- Please call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible



- Follow the home isolation advice sheet (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-self-isolation-forpatients-undergoing-testing/advice-sheet-home-isolation>)

If you or your children have returned from a specified country in last 14 days. The specified countries are:

- China (other than Wuhan and Hubei)
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Northern Italy
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas 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 country

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus. If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your GP or NHS 111.

Yours faithfully

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