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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus update

You will have received our recent letters and updates regarding the coronavirus. You will understand that we are exercising a higher degree of vigilance than most schools because **a significant number of our pupils have health conditions which could make them more vulnerable**. Below is a summary of these precautions, one of which is new:

Pupils, visitors and staff members avoiding school until they have been 14 days and symptom-free if they have visited a Category 1 OR Category 2 country/region.

If you become in this position and recognise symptoms in yourself, son/daughter or family member, please use the NHS 111 online Coronavirus service or call 111 and notify the school as soon as possible. These countries/regions are summarised on the following page.

Pupils, visitors and staff members avoiding school until they have been 14 days and symptom-free if they have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus.

If you become in this position and recognise symptoms in yourself, son/daughter or family member, please use the NHS 111 online Coronavirus service or call 111 and notify the school as soon as possible.

If a staff member or pupil is diagnosed with the coronavirus we will close the school at the end of the day until further notice.

The staff member or pupil is unlikely to receive this diagnosis whilst in school, but if they did so we would ensure they were separated and left the school site safely as soon as possible. You would be notified by text message (or a phone call if text messaging is not available) and be given the option of collecting your son/daughter as soon as possible. Transport would collect pupils at the end of the school day as normal. During the closure, the length of which would be informed by advice from Public Health and Hackney Learning Trust, we would call you each day to check on your welfare and the welfare of your son/daughter. You would also receive regular updates about when the school will reopen.

From Monday 9th March, we will be taking pupils' temperature on arrival each morning until further notice.

As recommended by Hackney Learning Trust, we will take pupils' temperatures but do so in a sensitive and supportive way, and ensure that pupils' dignity is kept paramount. If pupils are finding the experience distressing we will stop immediately and talk with you about how we proceed. We have the thermometers available to do this in a safe and hygienic manner. If your son/daughter is identified as having a high temperature we will call you to collect as soon as possible, and they will be kept separate from the rest of the school population but in a safe and comfortable environment and with staff support throughout. In this situation, and once home with your son/daughter, please use the NHS 111 online Coronavirus service or call 111 and keep the school updated. We recognise that a high temperature does not mean a pupil is certain to have the coronavirus, but this is an extra-precaution to keep pupils safe.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above, please call Barbara Fincham (School Business Manager), Bill Webster (Deputy Headteacher) or myself. To support, please let the office know if there have been any recent changes to your contact details.

I appreciate that this is an anxious time, but I hope the measures above help you to feel confident that we are doing everything we can to keep your son/daughter safe. We will continue to review this approach as the situation changes and keep you informed.

Yours



Joe Sieber
Headteacher

Category 1 countries/areas	Category 2 countries/areas
Wuhan city and Hubei Province (China, see map)	Cambodia
Iran	China*
Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea, see map)	Hong Kong
Any Italian town under containment measures (see map)	Italy (see map)
	Japan
	Laos
	Macau
	Malaysia
	Myanmar
	Republic of Korea*
	Singapore
	Taiwan
	Thailand
	Vietnam

As is indicated, some of these countries/regions are identified using a map, which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>
Please contact the school if you are in any doubt.