

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are aware that parents are concerned about the potential spread of coronavirus in Europe, perhaps associated with the return from holiday travel (particularly ski trips) at half term. Schools have not been issued with any guidance over and above that issued to the general public and [available here](#).

Public Health England Advice is that there is no need to manage students or staff other than in line with general guidance already issued. Information regarding the Coronavirus is being updated daily; please visit their helpful webpage at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.

I would like to reassure you that no Vyners school trips during or leading up to the half term break visited affected areas (including the ski trip).

For those families that have travelled abroad recently, the advice for returning travellers is as follows:

If you have returned from the following specific areas since 19th February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (see link to maps below)
- Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days – see link to maps below)

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111:

Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini – see link to maps below)

- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

If you have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath and have visited any of the following areas in the last 14 days, stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel:

- China, apart from Hubei province (see link to maps below)
- Thailand
- Japan

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- Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones (see link to maps below)
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

[Maps showing affected regions of China, Republic of Korea and Italy](#)

Like all schools we would expect parents to take responsibility for acting according to this advice based on their own particular circumstances. If you feel that you or your family are in one of the affected categories, and that you therefore need to self-isolate, please contact our student services team, in confidence, to let them know the situation. This will enable us to ensure appropriate work is sent home for your child during the isolation period.

In school, taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus. It would be very helpful if you could have a conversation over the weekend with your child about the routine steps they need to take: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash their hands frequently and avoid touching their face unless you've just washed your hands. The school has a plentiful supply of soap and water in all student toilets. It is not our intention to provide anti-bacterial gel at this stage. Parents who wish to send their child to school with a small personal supply are however welcome to do so.

As a school, we are clearly monitoring the situation closely. We do not consider that there is currently any cause for concern at school, but we will keep you informed of any further developments and information updates as we receive them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Mullings', written in a cursive style.

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