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Dear Parent

COVID-19 Virus

In response to concern expressed by some parents, I would like to outline the school's position with regard to the COVID-19 virus. We will continue to monitor and follow the advice given by Public Health England and update you via our website / texting service (if appropriate). Public Health England current advice states that:

"People who have returned from Category 1 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days should self-isolate. This includes avoiding attending an education setting or work until 14 days after they return. **Current category 1** specified countries/areas are **China - Wuhan city and Hubei Province, Iran, Republic of Korea - Daegu or Cheongdo, Italy – Lombardy Region (Bertonico, Castiglione D'Adda, Terranova dei Passerini, Casalpusterlengo, Somaglia, Fombio, Codogno, San Fiorino, Maleo, Castelgerundo), Veneto Region (Vo).**

People who have returned from Category 2 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days, are advised to stay at home if they develop symptoms. **All other pupils or students and staff should continue to attend school or university, including their siblings attending the same or a different school** (unless advised not to by public health officials). **Current category 2** specified countries/areas are **Cambodia, China (all areas except those specified in category 1), Hong Kong, Italy North (all areas except those specified in category 1), Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Republic of Korea (all areas except those specified in category 1), Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam."**

In our local context of St Mary's School, we request and trust that parents will support and follow this advice in order to minimise the spread of the virus.

Should you be concerned that you or your child has developed any of the symptoms of the virus please follow the NHS guidelines and call 111 asking for the Coronavirus service.

You can also keep up to date by visiting the Public Health website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Yours sincerely,

David Collins
Chair of Governors.