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Coronavirus Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

All schools in England have received guidance from Public Health England and the Department For Education around travel advice for people visiting countries affected by the Coronavirus and attending school upon their return.

If you have recently taken, or are planning to take, your son/daughter to any of the following countries please let a member of the office staff know by calling the school on 01924 303680 or emailing admin@newton-hill.org.uk

- China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar
- Italy
- Iran

Current guidance is if a person has visited one of the above countries in the last 14 days and has experienced a cough, fever or shortness of breath, then they should stay indoors and call NHS 111 for further guidance.

If a person has visited Iran, Wuhan or Hubei Province in China, certain locked down areas of Northern Italy or special care zones in South Korea in the last 14 days they should stay indoors and contact NHS 111, irrespective of whether they have symptoms or not.

Please note that this advice is changing regularly and you can check the current guidance at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Children are also being given guidance by staff about good hygiene, which includes:

- Use of tissues to catch a cough or sneeze, then binning the tissue and washing hands.
- Washing hands frequently, particularly after using public transport, before leaving home, on arrival at school, after using the toilet, after breaks and sporting activities, before food preparation, before eating any food, before leaving school.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

We would appreciate your support in reiterating these messages at home.

Further Public Health England information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educationalsettings-aboutcovid-19>.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

The advice is that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

We will continue to share any new information with you.

Yours sincerely,

C. Wheatley

Mrs C Wheatley - Headteacher