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Dear Parents and Carers

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) – Latest advice for travellers returning from abroad

I am writing to inform you of the latest advice, sent to all schools today, published by the Department of Health and which applies to all travellers returning from countries affected by the outbreak of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) since 19 February 2020 (half-term week). We are supporting the UK-wide campaign to slow the spread of this virus.

In accordance with the advice received today from Public Health England, we ask that any member of the school community who has travelled from (or intends to travel to) any of the countries listed below, contacts the school on 01493 720542 or via email enquiries@caisteracademy.org.uk

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Travellers returning from Category 1 countries should call NHS 111 and stay indoors, avoiding contact with other people **even if you do not have any symptoms**. The countries affected as of today's date are: Wuhan city and the Hubei Province (China)*, Iran, Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea)*, specified towns in the Lombardy and Veneto Region of Northern Italy* including Bertinico, Casalpusterlengo, Castelgerundo, Castiglione D'Abba, Codogno, Fombio, Maleo, San Fiorano, Somaglia, Terranova dei Passerini and Vo. We have published maps of the affected areas (*) on our website.

Travellers returning from Category 2 countries **who develop flu-like symptoms** including a fever, a cough or difficulty breathing, however mild, should call NHS 111 and stay indoors, avoiding contact with other people. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms. The countries affected as of today's date are: Cambodia, areas of China not listed in Category 1, Hong Kong, areas of Northern Italy not listed in Category 1, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia,



Myanmar, areas of the Republic of Korea not listed in Category 1, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

The updated list of countries can be found by visiting:

<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>

We will continue to closely monitor planned overseas travel for staff and students in accordance with advice published from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and we will communicate any decisions for these trips with as much notice as possible.

We have published the maps of the countries affected the most on our website along with the Public Health England Advice for places of education. The latest Government advice relating to the Coronavirus, along with guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

If you have any questions that cannot be answered by the Government guidance or from documents posted on our website please email enquiries@caisteracademy.org.uk

Once again, I ask that you inform the school immediately if you have travelled, or intend to travel, to any of the affected regions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Bridges
Principal