

Dear Staff, Parents and Carers,

25 February - Statement update from Nexus Education Schools Trust (NEST)

Following the updated Government guidance today – Anyone who has travelled since 19 February 2020 from Northern Italy (12 northern towns in the areas of Lombardy and Veneto, which the Italian government has quarantined; as of 25 February) and the named countries below, **MUST NOT** return to school and seek advice from the NHS, even if they do not have symptoms. Please keep the school updated.

Please read the government abridged guidance below – a full statement is in the link at the end of this letter. NEST will endeavour to keep families and staff update as the guidance changes.

*The **Department for Education** has released updated information regarding **Coronavirus** (in italics):*

Risk level

Based on the World Health Organization's declaration that this is a public health emergency of international concern, the [UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate](#).

This permits the government to plan for all eventualities. The risk to individuals remains low.

We have been working in close collaboration with international colleagues and the World Health Organization to monitor the situation in China and around the world.

Returning travellers

*Based on the scientific advice of the [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\)](#) the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising **anyone who has travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.***

These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

If you have returned from these specific areas since February 19, you should call NHS111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- ***Iran***
- ***Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy***
- ***Special care zones in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea***
- ***Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)***

If you have returned from these areas since February 19th and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

Health protection regulations

On 10 February, the [Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, announced strengthened legal powers to protect public health.](#)

[The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020](#) have been put in place to reduce the risk of further human-to-human transmission in this country by keeping individuals in isolation where public health professionals believe there is a reasonable risk an individual may have the virus.'

We will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

NEST Central Team

Latest Government information

25 February Updates on Coronavirus:

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

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>