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Medical Update

Friday 28th February 2020

Dear families,

I write to provide you with information in terms of the school's response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), and the advice from the DfE.

The school is following the guidance set down by Public Health England and the Department for Education; an approach endorsed by Barnsley Local Authority. As a result, based upon the information available to us, Springvale will not be affected. Pupils and staff should continue to attend school **unless** they have visited any of the specified Category 1 areas as detailed within Public Health England's guidance (a link to which is included below for your information). Any pupil who has visited a Category 2 area should attend school as normal **unless** they are displaying any symptoms, in which case they should self-isolate and contact 111. For the sake of clarity, according to government guidance based upon current evidence, coronavirus presents with flu-like symptoms including a **fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing**.

For your information we have also attached a link to the guidance provided for educational settings by the Department for Education.

We continue to monitor the situation closely and should the advice from Public Health England, the Department for Education, or Barnsley Local Authority change, we will inform you immediately. As always, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

LINKS TO GOVERNMENT ADVICE:

DfE Advice for those who have travelled recently

Recently, the Chief Medical Advisor for England, Chris Whitty updated advice for travellers returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19, which you can find at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<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>

Where to find the latest information

Public Health England blog:

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

Guidance for educational settings

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

Kind Regards

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