14th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Novel Coronavirus

Public Health England continue to assess the risk of the Novel Coronavirus and guidance continues to evolve on a daily basis. The current advice is:

If you have a cough, fever or shortness of breath and have been to any of the places listed below or been in contact with anyone who has been to one of these places in the last 14 days you are advised to stay indoors and call NHS 111.

- China
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Hong Kong
- Malaysia
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Macau

If you have been to Wuhan or Hubei Province, China in the last 14 days stay indoors and contact NHS 111 even if you do not have any symptoms.

Whilst Public Health England continue to advise that the risk to individuals is low, with half term next week, some of you may be taking the opportunity to travel overseas. It is possible that this guidance may evolve and more locations will be added over time. We will continue to update you with any significant changes.

Reducing the Risk

To ensure that the risk is minimised, the school requires that the parent/carer of any student who:

- Meets any of the thresholds above
- Is in contact with anyone who meets any of the thresholds above
- Is travelling to any of the locations named above during the half term break

contact the school via byron@oasisbyron.org with details, so that any risk can be assessed.

You will also be aware that cases have been confirmed in Brighton and London, so students should minimise their chances of contracting any infection through good, basic hygiene including:

- The use of tissues to catch sneezes followed the by proper disposal of them
- Regular and thorough washing of hands

We appreciate that there may be some anxiety as this is high profile within the media, but it is important to take sensible, proactive steps to keep the school community safe and in line with official guidelines.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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