



# Kingswinford Academy

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Dear Parents,

## Re: IMPORTANT CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As I am sure you are all aware, Public Health England are sending regular updates to schools regarding travellers returning from Northern Italy, as well as other affected areas of the world, after the half term break. We are continuing to monitor this dynamic situation very closely and to consider the risks that are associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to ensure that our whole school community remains safe. The infection is mild for most people, including children. Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease) may be at higher risk of more serious illness. The most important advice to parents is to contact school immediately if you have visited any of the Category 1 specified country/area or Category 2 specified country/area over the half term break so that we can help to advise on the best course of action.

The revised guidance from Public Health England is available at the following link; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>.

In summary, the advice is that if a member of our school community has travelled from any Category 1 specified country/area (Wuhan city and Hubei Province in China, Iran, Republic of Korea including the areas of Daegu or Chengdu, or any Northern Italian town under containment measures), in the past 14 days then they should contact NHS 111 for further advice. If they are currently well then they should self-isolate for 14 days and follow advice as set out in the link above. If they are unwell then they should call NHS 111 immediately in order for them to be assessed by an appropriate specialist. If they require emergency medical attention then call 999.

If a member of our school community has travelled from a Category 2 specified country/area (Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Northern Italy, Japan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand or Vietnam) in the last 14 days then the advice is a little different. If they are currently well then they should only self-isolate if they develop symptoms. They can continue to attend work or education and they do not need to avoid contact with other people. If they become unwell then they should stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as they would with other flu viruses, they (or a family member, colleague or member of staff) should call NHS 111 immediately for them to be assessed by an appropriate specialist, as quickly as possible, they should stay at home and should not attend work or education. They should not go directly to their GP or other healthcare environment. If they require emergency

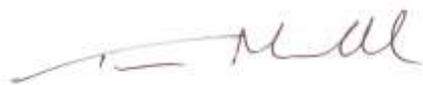


medical attention, call 999 and tell the call handler or ambulance control that the person has a history of recent travel to risk areas for COVID-19.

We place the highest priority on the wellbeing of all members of our school community and we will follow closely any advice as it changes and continue to update you on the latest information and medical advice as we receive it. Please be reassured that we are encouraging good hygiene habits with regard to regular handwashing and 'catching' sneezes and coughs in tissues which are then appropriately binned. The school cleaning team is taking advice from all latest guidance.

Please note that we will update the school website with new information (<http://www.kingswinford.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/>) but should you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Macdonald', written in a cursive style.

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**Headteacher**