



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you about Coronavirus and the measures the school is taking to keep all pupils safe. We continue to monitor the situation regularly and to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE). We are encouraging all members of the school to help in slowing the spread of all germs, including Coronavirus, and protecting themselves by:

- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs or sneezes (all classes have plenty of boxes of tissues available);
- placing the tissue in the bin;
- to kill the germs, washing their hands with soap and water, or using a sanitiser gel (we are regularly reminding the children to thoroughly wash their hands – please reiterate this at home).

Public Health England (PHE) and Leicestershire County Council have yesterday confirmed that a second Leicestershire resident has a confirmed case of COVID-19 although PHE and Leicestershire County Council say the risk to the general public remains low.

Public Health England, Leicestershire County Council and the local NHS continue to work closely together in Leicestershire to respond and Public Health England is currently contacting people who may have had close contact with the second confirmed case.

Close contacts will be given health advice about symptoms and emergency contact details to use if they become unwell in the 14 days after they had contact with the confirmed case. This tried and tested method will ensure that any risk to them is minimised and the wider public is protected. PHE and the NHS are well-prepared to deal with coronavirus and the priority is to safeguard local communities which sometimes involves taking preventative measures to help reduce the risk of further cases.

Based on current evidence, Coronavirus COVID-19 presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild. Anyone who is concerned about health symptoms is advised to follow the advice about what to do on the [Government's website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public) (www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public) and [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has also advised against all but essential travel to China and advised extra precautions for people returning from the following areas:



- Mainland China
- Macao
- Iran
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Vietnam
- Hong Kong
- Cambodia
- Italy
- Laos
- Myanmar
- South Korea
- Thailand

The latest information on the 'at risk' countries can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus.

If any pupil visits or comes into close contact with a person who has visited any of the countries listed above then please contact me here at school as soon as possible. The current guidance is that children should NOT be kept off school unless **THE PERSON RETURNING FROM ONE OF THE COUNTRIES LISTED SHOWS SIGNS OF BEING UNWELL.**

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep in touch with you as it develops. Thank you for your support in protecting the health and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,



Patrick Mullins
Headteacher