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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Public Health England – Coronavirus Advice

Could I start by saying we are sending this letter out on the advice of Public Health England as the school enters a holiday period where families across the county may be travelling, both in this country and abroad. We have been told Hertfordshire is low risk in relation to Coronavirus but it is prudent for schools to inform parents of up to date advice. Please let me stress that there are no instances of Coronavirus associated with The Highfield School, so there is no cause for concern.

In response to the current climate with regard to Coronavirus, we yesterday received information from Public Health with regards to travelling arrangements in the half term due to Coronavirus.

If you have travelled to Hubei province (which includes Wuhan) – do not return to school for 14 days, self isolate and ring 111

If you have contact with a known case of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) – do not return to school for 14 days, self isolate and ring 111

If you have attended or worked in hospitals or healthcare settings anywhere in China, Macao, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Republic of Korea, Malaysia or Taiwan – do not return to school for 14 days, self isolate and ring 111

If you have travelled to China, Macao, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Republic of Korea, Taiwan or Malaysia and do not meet any of the above criteria - do not return to school until advice has been taken from NHS 111

While it is important schools provide the above advice to parents and carers, please let me stress again that there is no cause for concern; the UK and risk to the UK is currently moderate. The advice we have received from Public Health is that it is highly unlikely at the current time that our school is at risk.

We would however ask that you are mindful of the current health alerts and if you suspect (or have it confirmed) you have come into contact with someone with coronavirus you alert Public Health England on 0300 303 8537 option 1, as well as school immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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