THE HIGHFIELD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus update – Thursday 27th February 2020

Following on from my letter on the Coronavirus outbreak in China of 14th February, I am writing to update you on the current situation. As you will be aware, there has been a lot of information in the news about the recent measures put in place by the Italian Authorities, where ten Italian towns have been quarantined.

I would like to reassure you that there remains no cause for concern at The Highfield School. We continue to follow the advice outlined to us by the local authority, Public Health England and the Department for Education. The advice for all in our school community – students, parents, carers and staff is if you have returned from any of the areas identified by Foreign and Commonwealth Office https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public , to follow the advice outlined, which is:

- If you have returned from these specific areas since 19 February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:
  - Iran
  - Specific lockdown areas in northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy
  - 'Special care zones' in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
  - Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)
- If you have returned from these areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.
  - Northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini)
  - Vietnam
  - Cambodia
  - Laos
  - Myanmar

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

Thank you again for your cooperation.

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