

27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

## **CORONAVIRUS – PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

Welcome back to all after the half term break, which we hope was a restful one?

Whilst we do not wish to raise any alarm and have no reason to be concerned at all about any imminent danger to any member of the college community, I am required to contact you and ask that you please make a declaration by immediate return if you and/or your children on roll have travelled in the following geographical areas recently;

- 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 China (returned in the past 14 days)

If you/your children have had cause to visit any of these locations please let the school know as soon as you are able to, either by emailing; [office@tavistockcollege.org](mailto:office@tavistockcollege.org) or telephoning the college reception on 01822 614231.

The advice from Public Health England (PHE) is as follows:

### ***You should immediately:***

- ***Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu***
- ***Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area***
- ***Phone your GP or NHS 24 on 111 out of hours.***

***Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.***

Lockdown areas in northern Italy:

- in Lombardy: Codogno, Castiglione d’Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano
- in Veneto: Vo’ Euganeo

Special care zones in South Korea:

- Daegu
- Cheongdo

Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas:

This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas:

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

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If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, **you should immediately:**

- **Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu**
- **Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country**

**Please follow this advice even if your symptoms are minor.**

If you have returned from these areas since 19 February and develop symptoms please follow this advice. 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

If students need to be kept at home in self quarantine it is vital that you ensure that this happens. If you need further advice please refer to the PHE website or contact NHS 24 on 111. We will continue to work closely with all the relevant advisors and experts to ensure that we remain a safe location for all members of the community.

We also advise all families to follow the hygiene and precautionary protocols advised by the NHS and we will be putting a copy of their poster on our website for your reference.

Many thanks, in anticipation, for your support and engagement, both of which are much appreciated. There is no need to contact the college if you have not travelled, as described.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully



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