



For the attention of school headteachers in the South West of England

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Dear Headteacher,

Covid–19 advice for schools and educational settings

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect children and staff returning from school trips. Please be aware that this is a complex, dynamic and evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.

As of today, advice for returning travellers is as follows:

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 February, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms**:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy¹ as designated by the Government of Italy
- Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea)
- Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. **You do not need to follow this advice if you do not have symptoms**:

- Northern Italy (see [map](#))
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

¹ Bertonico; Casalpusterlengo; Castelgerundo; Castiglione D'Adda; Codogno; Fombio; Maleo; San Fiorano; Somaglia; Terranova dei Passerini; Vo.

If you have returned to the UK from any of the following 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, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

This guidance can be found in full online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

A full list of affected areas, including maps, can be found online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

Guidance for educational settings has been published and is also available online. Please note that this is currently being reviewed and updated so please check back regularly:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Yours faithfully,



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