

# Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

## February Half-term Holiday:

As term 3 draws to a close and we depart school for February half-term, I would like to share with you the most recent guidance received from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding coronavirus. The government stress the risk to individuals remains **low**.

For those families fortunate to be spending the holiday period overseas, **Public Health England** has advised the following for travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas: China\* (specific advice for travellers from Wuhan), Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau.

- 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**. You should call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

**Public Health England** advise **encouraging good hygiene**. As always, if you have symptoms of a cold or flu, then there are measures you can take to stop germs:

- › always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- › wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- › avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- › avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

**Further information can be found on the following link:** Updates on Coronavirus: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Please be assured our schools will continue to promote good hygiene with our children and allay any concerns they may have regarding the coronavirus due to the current high-profile media attention. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact your Head of School in the first instance.**

There's currently no cause for concern at any of the schools within our Trust, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping our schools clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

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