



The Ripley Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND ADVICE TO SCHOOLS: CORONAVIRUS

You are likely to be aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in Europe. We take our responsibility for the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and so we would like to share with you the guidance from Public Health England which was issued to schools on 25 February 2020:

Advice from Public Health England

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

Avoid close contact with people who are sick

If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home

If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

If you or your children have returned from a category 1 country or area in past 14 days

This includes:

Wuhan city and Hubei province, China

Iran*

Daegu or Cheongdo, South Korea*

Any Italian town under containment measures*

**Only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020*

Contact NHS 111 for advice, and:

Self-isolate for 14 days after leaving the country or area (see the home isolation advice sheet for help with this)

If you become unwell, call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention) – see over for the symptoms to look out for.

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If you or your children have returned from a category 2 country or area in last 14 days

This includes:

Cambodia	Malaysia
China (other than Wuhan city or Hubei province)	Myanmar
Hong Kong	Singapore
Italy: north*	South Korea (other than Daegu or Cheongdo)
Japan	Taiwan
Laos	Thailand
Macau	Vietnam

**Only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020*

If you or your children are well:

You don't need to avoid contact with other people

Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell (see below for a list of symptoms):

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses (see the home isolation advice sheet for help with this).

Call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention).

Symptoms to look out for

If you've returned from any of the category 1 or 2 areas or countries, look out for the following symptoms:

Cough

Difficulty in breathing

Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

According to other official guidance, while you wait for further advice:

Avoid contact with others

Stay at home – don't go to work or school

Don't travel while sick

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available)

In school, we have purchased extra hand sanitizers and tissues which will be available throughout the day in all communal areas. Having good personal hygiene is an important step in looking after ourselves.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L J Walton

Executive Headteacher