



Re Coronavirus Covid-19.

26th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We know that some students and families have talked to us about their concerns around the Coronavirus Covid-19. At Denton Community College we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, and feel it is important to share the practical guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

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. The advice is that students do this including: on arrival in school, after sport, before eating, after using the toilet
- 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/your child's symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment. 999 can be called in an emergency.

Travel to specific countries

There is a list of countries of concern which you can find on the following website. There are two categories of countries – and you should take the steps they recommend if you have visited those countries. This list is likely to be updated regularly so please do follow the link below:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk

At the moment the recommendations are as follows:

- Category 1 countries: Travellers should self-isolate, even if there are no symptoms, and call NHS 111 to inform of recent travel.
- Category 2 countries: Travellers do not need to undertake any special measures, but if they develop symptoms they should self-isolate and call NHS 111.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school and we will keep you informed of any developments or changing advice.

Please do speak to your children about the advice particularly around preventing the spread of infection and any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely,

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