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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Important Health Advice**

You will be aware of the recent media coverage about the coronavirus. I am writing to you with the latest advice from Lewisham and to reinforce the advice from Public Health England (PHE).

The UK Chief Medical Officers have designated the risk to the public as moderate. However the risk to any one individual remains low. Health professionals are working to contact anyone who has been in close contact with people who have coronavirus.

The current public health advice applies specifically to people who have recently returned from affected regions, which now includes more regions than just the affected provinces in China. If you or anyone living with you have recently travelled abroad, please visit the government information site to check if you have visited an affected region. Please follow the advice found at this link, which we have found to be really helpful:

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

We thought it important to contact all families about the general advice from the NHS about how to stop viruses like the coronavirus spreading and to reassure you that we are giving the same message to children and adults in school. This is as follows:

**DO:**

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

**DON'T:**

- touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any point should you require any clarification in any way. Please contact us immediately about any related health concerns. We thank you, in advance, for your help with this complex situation and will keep you informed with significant updates.

Yours faithfully,

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