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Dear Parents / Carers,

Following on from my letter this morning we have spoken to all the students in assembly about the school's approach to the coronavirus. We went through the importance of washing hands and ensuring that water is drunk regularly. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle which they can refill throughout the day. We have also spoken about procedures for potential school closure. As detailed in my previous correspondence, if we were to close, staff would endeavour to put lessons on Show My Homework. We have provided students with a sheet of work which has been placed in their knowledge organiser in the event that they don't have access to Wifi.

We have been asked to send the text below to all parents and carers from the Public Health Director in Hounslow.

Further to our previous correspondence, you are likely to have seen in the media there has been wider spread of the coronavirus, also referred to as COVID-19, in northern Italy and new associated travel cases in Europe. Public Health England has therefore revised their guidance to include advice for travellers from these affected areas. Please be aware that this guidance is changing, the government website www.gov.uk/coronavirus is updated daily with the latest information and advice.

As reported cases of the virus increase, we want to make sure that you have the advice you need to stay as safe as possible. We need to be sensible and avoid risks, whilst ensuring we do not compromise the education of our students. If you or a family member has recently travelled to a high risk country please follow Public Health England's guidance, and if you or a family member should develop symptoms of shortness of breath, high temperature and fever and cough, you should contact your GP by telephone or NHS111 and get advice. **Please do not send your child to school if they show any of these symptoms.**

The guidance from the DfE and the Department of Health is updated daily.

The full guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The countries/areas that have implications for return visitors or travellers in respect of the virus can be seen here:

<https://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>

In the event of being asked to close the school you will receive a Parentmail informing you of our arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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