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**RE: Travel and Coronavirus** 

Dear Parents and Carers.

You're likely aware of the outbreak of coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

At Belleville, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England (click to access the link).

There is currently **no cause for concern at the school**.

If you or your children have returned from anywhere in Hubei province in past 14 days you should avoid attending school, work or university.

People who have returned from China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan or Thailand in the last 14 days, are advised to stay at home <u>if</u> they develop symptoms.

All other students should continue to attend school or university.

Further details are overleaf.

If you or your children are travelling to these countries, please let us know where and when you are travelling so we can keep an extra eye open for any symptoms and act quickly.

We will keep you informed about any developments via Parentmail, including if the Public Health England advice changes.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us,

Yours sincerely,

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## If you or your children have returned from anywhere in Hubei province in past 14 days you should avoid attending school, work or university:

#### If you or your children are currently well:

- > Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with flu viruses
- > Call NHS III to inform them of your recent travel to the area
- > Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

#### If you or your children become unwell:

- > Please call NHS III immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible
- > Follow the advice sheet found at this link: home isolation advice sheet

### If you or your children have returned from a specified country in last 14 days:

The specified countries are: China (other than Hubei), Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand

#### 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:

- > Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses
- > Follow the home isolation advice sheet
- > Call NHS III immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible

# If you've returned from the specified countries or Hubei, look out for the following symptoms:

- > Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- > Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

#### If you have any of these symptoms:

- If it's an emergency, call 999 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days
- If you're unwell, but it's not an emergency, call NHS III and tell them which country you have returned from in the past I4 days

#### 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)