



Beths Grammar School

an 11-18 selective school with academy status

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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Update

I know that a number of families may well have spent the half term break overseas and some potentially in areas where the Coronavirus is prevalent.

Public Health England have recently updated their advice to schools in the wake of the continued Coronavirus outbreak around the world. www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19.

Please use the following link if you are concerned that you may be experiencing symptoms of the Coronavirus: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

As a school, we are following their advice and, will work with them and the Local Authority, should the need arise for us to do so.

In light of specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (as designated by the Italian Government) now being included in the areas of concern (alongside China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar) if you have returned from any of these areas recently and develop symptoms, however mild, we would urge you to stay indoors, at home, and avoid contact with other people, and immediately call NHS 111, for further advice. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms. The above list of areas affected is being continually updated and the following link is available giving further details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>. Should additional areas be added to this list, please follow the above advice.

I hope that the above is clear and my intention is that everyone comes into school every day, but we clearly need to consider sensible precautions. In the meantime, tutors are being asked to talk to students about sensible hygiene measures.

The advice is constantly changing and we would urge you all to keep a watchful eye on this ever changing situation.

Finally, if you or a close member of your family, experience symptoms, I would ask that you contact me directly at headsoffice@beths.bexley.sch.uk with full details of your situation.

Yours faithfully

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