

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below the latest advice and guidance for education settings in the UK in relation to the Coronavirus.

Coronavirus – Advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. Latest information and advice can also be found at: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

- Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china</u>
- https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-fluadvice-for-travel-to-china

Advice for parents/carers

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

Simple precautions we can all take to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus, and safeguard ourselves and others include:

- Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue and, to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days, follow the specific advice for returning travellers.
- Find out more at <u>www.gov.uk/coronavirus</u>.

Yours sincerely

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