



Dear Parents/Carers

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on government advice for schools about the coronavirus and how we are taking the health and safety of our pupils and staff at Ocean Academy very seriously. The link for the government publication can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>. Please take the time to read the advice and we hope you can support us in the following ways:

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and do not attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you are worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environments.

If you or your children have returned from anywhere in Wuhan and Hubei province in past 14 days and are currently well:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with flu viruses
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area
- Your other family members do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

- Please call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible

The specified countries are:

- China (other than Wuhan and Hubei) • Hong Kong • Japan • Macau • Malaysia • Singapore • South Korea • Taiwan • Thailand

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

There is currently no cause for concern at the school, but we will keep you informed about any developments and ensure the school is clean to prevent the spread of any virus and soap/hand sanitiser is readily available. If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your GP or NHS 111.

Best wishes

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