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Dear Parent/Carer

As we move towards the half term holiday, you will be aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID19) in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

At Hampstead School we take the health and safety of our community very seriously, so I am sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

There is currently no cause for concern at the school, but we will keep you informed about any developments and ensure we are taking sensible precautions to prevent the spread of any virus.

Coronavirus presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough or difficulty breathing. Anyone with any concerns is advised to follow NHS advice or call NHS 111.

The best advice to protect against catching the virus is to

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Always carry tissues with you 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.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- If you feel unwell, stay at home. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home.
- If you or people you are in contact with have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travelers.
- Calling NHS 111 as a first step reduces the risks of viruses spreading unnecessarily, particularly in public spaces like hospitals and GP surgeries, helping to protect some of our most vulnerable residents.

To find out the latest about coronavirus, and for specific health advice regarding people that have recently travelled in China, visit the gov.uk webpages.

With that in mind, I wish you a safe and relaxing half term holiday with family and friends.

All students return at 0835 on Monday 24 February. Please ensure that your child departs for school in full school uniform, to avoid us having to send them home to change.

Yours sincerely

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