



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parents

I am sure you are aware of the current Coronavirus (COVID-19), which has hit the news recently and has now been confirmed in Italy, specifically the Northern half, with some areas of the country now quarantined.

As you may be aware, during the half term break a small number of our students and staff went to Tonale in Northern Italy. Today, the Department of Health has updated its advice for people returning to the UK from that region (North of Pisa in Italy). In line with this new advice, we have been instructed to send members of this school party home for a self-imposed two-week isolation, as a precautionary measure.

We have also been advised that anyone from this group or the wider school community, with specific health concerns or any related symptoms, should contact **111** for advice.

I want to reassure you that the school is following the advice of Public Health England (PHE), Department for Health and Department for Education, to ensure the health and wellbeing of our whole school community, which is as always one of our top priorities.

I have enclosed guidance from the Department for Education on steps that can be taken to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including Coronavirus. As you will see, personal hygiene, specifically washing your hands often and following the Catch it, Bin It, Kill It advice when sneezing or coughing is of the utmost importance. We already promote this in school during cold and flu season and will continue to do so. I would ask for your support in doing the same at home.

We will keep you informed of any further developments should the need arise. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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