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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus (Covid19) -Recent Travel Guidance 25.02.20 (including Italy)

The Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, has announced that anyone returning to the UK from any of the recently published quarantined areas should self-isolate once they arrive home, whether they are displaying symptoms of the virus or not. This includes a range of countries, more recently Europe in terms of Northern Italy. The quarantined areas released by the Italian Government include 10 small towns in Lombardy (Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano) and one in Veneto (Vo' Euganeo).

As a result of the above, we would ask that all families / individuals who have travelled to and from any of the identified regions, follow the advice and that you self-isolate in line with the guidelines. Please contact the Trust Head office on 01226 282721 to update us in respect of your specific circumstances and that of your child. Likewise, close contacts of any confirmed cases will be asked to self-isolate in line with guidelines.

The British government has updated its guidance and suggests that anyone returning from the region north of Pisa should avoid contact with others if they start to show flu-like symptoms. The latest guidance as of 25 February 2020 can be accessed through the following website link which relates to all countries currently affected:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

We will continue to monitor the situation and official guidance and update where necessary.

Please direct any updates or queries to c.murgatroyd@smat.org.uk or telephone 01226 282721.

Yours sincerely

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