



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus

The school has received guidance from Public Health England and the Department For Education around travel advice for people visiting countries affected by the Coronavirus and attending school upon their return.

If you are planning to take your son/daughter to any of the following countries please let a member of the attendance team know by calling the school on 01924 402202 or emailing adminoffice@heckgrammar.co.uk

- China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau
- Italy

Current guidance is if a person has visited one of the above countries in the last 14 days and has experienced a cough, fever or shortness of breath, then they should stay indoors and call NHS 111 for further guidance. If a person has visited Wuhan or Hubei Province in the last 14 days they should stay indoors and contact NHS 111, irrespective of whether they have symptoms or not.

Students are also being given guidance by staff about good hygiene, which includes:

- Use of tissues to catch a cough or sneeze, then binning the tissue and washing hands.

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- Washing hands frequently, particularly after using public transport, before leaving home, on arrival at school, after using the toilet, after breaks and sporting activities, before food preparation, before eating any food, before leaving school.
- Use an alcohol-based hand 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 unwell.

The precautions we are taking will assist the school in responding to any further government advice quickly and will enable us to pass on any guidance to affected families where necessary.

Further Public Health England information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your child catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your child should not continue to attend school as normal. As you will be aware from news bulletins, current guidance in the UK is to carry on our daily activities as normal but be extra careful in terms of personal hygiene and take further precautions if travelling to one of the named more at risk countries.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Peter Roberts

Headteacher