

WOOTTON ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers

Corona Virus Letter 2

As a precaution I am sending another letter in respect of the outbreak of coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases elsewhere, notably in Asia but also in Italy and the thirteen known cases in the UK. Additionally, I am conscious of the press headlines in today's national newspapers.

Wootton Academy Trust takes the health and safety of our pupils, students and staff very seriously, therefore we are monitoring official guidance from Public Health England very carefully and sharing advice on the steps we should all be taking.

You can help to prevent the spread of infection by making 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 aren't 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 don't 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're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

These are of course general principles of good hygiene which we reinforce each year with our students.

There is additional official guidance if you or someone you are in close contact with have travelled from specific countries recently.

This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

A few parents have contacted me to ask about our recent ski trip to Italy; this took place the week before half term before the recent increase in cases in Italy and the trip has already been back for eleven days. In any event, the trip was not in one of the areas where there have been identified cases of the virus. The nearest case was more than 140 miles away.

There's currently no cause for concern at either Wootton Upper School or Kimberley College; we will continue to keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school environment clean to limit the spread of any virus.

There is no reason why your child should not continue to attend school and college as normal. If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school or college.

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We are keeping the situation under constant review and will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely



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