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## Coronavirus Update

You may have seen the news recently that the Coronavirus has affected many people in Italy and Iran. I wanted to reassure you that we have no confirmed or suspected cases at Leighton Park School, or in fact in the local area. We also do not currently have any families being isolated at home.

The guidance changed yesterday to include certain areas of Italy currently on lockdown as well as Iran, and although several of our families travelled to North Italy over the February break, none of the students or staff travelled or visited the areas currently of concern and have no reported symptoms. The Health Centre has personally contacted all the families we are aware travelled to Italy or Iran over the break, obtained their itineraries and no risk factors have been identified.

You may have seen on the news yesterday, some UK schools closing due to their students visiting North Italy over February break on a ski trip, I can assure you this is not recommended by Public Health England or the Boarding School Association, nor is it deemed necessary but just creates unnecessary panic and worry.

Public Health England have advised that there is no need for concern, and that should anyone who visited North Italy during the February break develops symptoms within 14 days of their return (fever, cough, shortness of breath), they should immediately self-isolate and ring 111 for advice and notify the Leighton Park Health Centre on [HealthCentre@leightonpark.com](mailto:HealthCentre@leightonpark.com). It is only those people that return from the areas of lockdown currently in North Italy that require to self-isolate upon arrival back to UK and to call 111 even if no symptoms present. We have no-one that meets this criterion in School.

We are following Public Health England advice (along with the Boarding School Association guidance) and being updated daily. As I am sure you are aware, this is an evolving situation, but we are working hard behind the scenes to keep all our students and staff safe and well.

We have plans in place to deal with any suspected cases should they arise, isolation measures, and protective equipment if it is necessary. We are also asking screening questions of our visitors to make sure no-one comes to school who could pose a risk. We will do whatever it takes to keep the school operational, our students and staff well, and will always take the recommended and appropriate measures from the UK government and governing bodies.

We will be in further contact shortly with regards to the advice for the Easter break.

Should anyone want to discuss this further or have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Health Centre on [HealthCentre@leightonpark.com](mailto:HealthCentre@leightonpark.com).