

# The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

## **Coronavirus Update for Parents**

As a school we have followed all appropriate Government measures at this time. We are continuing to monitor the advice being given and are taking appropriate action where necessary. We are aware of the concerns that individuals may have and want to reassure people that the risk of infection within the UK remains low.

We are sending with this letter a Government produced information sheet advising on how individuals can reduce their exposure to risk and would encourage everyone to read this advice.

For those students and staff who have recently returned from the Ski trip to Austria and the New York trip to America, as both of these areas are outside the latest government exclusions zones, the government advice is that the risk is extremely low and currently no action needs to be taken.

If you and your children return from travel within the last 14 days there are minimal cases outside the identified areas and countries and, therefore, the likelihood of an individual coming into contact with a confirmed case is low.

Advice on specific identified areas and countries can be found at the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

For info on a specific country you might have visited you can use the NaTHNac Travel Pro website at

<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>

The government advice is that there is no need to avoid normal activities or educational settings unless they have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. If individuals are aware that they have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 they should contact NHS 111 for further advice. More information can be found at:

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



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**Specific note if you have travelled to northern Italy during Half term (last 14 days)**

If you or your child has travelled to northern Italy in the last 14 days please visit the page below. This shows the areas affected by the Coronavirus. If you were in one of the Category one towns then you should self-isolate, the rest of the region is Category two, this means that you should monitor and if you develop any symptoms self-isolate and contact NHS 111.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/868839/Map\\_showing\\_specified\\_areas\\_of\\_Italy\\_250220.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/868839/Map_showing_specified_areas_of_Italy_250220.pdf)

Although the risk is minimal please could you inform the school if you have visited this area and tell us immediately if any symptoms develop.

I hope this information helps to reassure you and I will update as and when we get more advice from the government.

Yours sincerely



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