



# Nantwich Education Partnership

## Working together for all the children in Nantwich

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parent,

### Re: Coronavirus concerns

You're likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

Across our towns, our schools both secondary and primary take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing [guidance from Public Health England](#) on steps you should be taking.

You may be aware that some staff and pupils have been sent home from a local high school. We are following HPE and local authority advice which is that only those who have travelled in affected areas should self-quarantine at this time. There is no advice about siblings / family members. However, we will keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping our schools clean to prevent the spread of any virus and to keep our staff and pupils safe.

### Prevent the spread of infection

Make 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

### If you or your children have returned from anywhere in Hubei province in past 14 days

If you or your children are currently well:

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with flu viruses

Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

Please call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible

Follow the [home isolation advice sheet](#)

### If you or your children have returned from a specified country in last 14 days

The specified countries are:

China (other than Hubei)

Hong Kong

Japan

Macau

Malaysia

Singapore

South Korea

Taiwan

Thailand

Italy (Venetto/Lombardy region)

If you or your children are well:

You don't need to avoid contact with other people

Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses

Follow the [home isolation advice sheet](#)

Call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible

### **Symptoms to look out for**

If you've returned from the specified countries or Hubei, look out for the following symptoms:

Cough

Difficulty in breathing

Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

If you have any of these symptoms:

If it's an emergency, call 999 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days

If you're unwell, but it's not an emergency, call NHS 111 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days

While you wait for further advice:

Avoid contact with others

Stay at home – don't go to work or school

Don't travel while sick

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin

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)

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gill Price, head teacher or Mrs Charlotte Johnson, deputy head teacher

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher