



# ST LEVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents/carers,

## **Re: Coronavirus concerns**

**As it is half term next week and people may be travelling, this information may be useful.**

You are likely very aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At St Levan School we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we are sharing [guidance from Public Health England](#) on steps you should be taking. We have also been sent this advice from Kate Evans- Hughes, service director for Education Cornwall:

**Coronavirus – advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers:** The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus. We disinfect door handles and the surrounding area where hands are likely to push the door etc. daily with Milton solution. We also use disinfectant wipes and clean iPads & laptops etc. daily. We also ensure there is plenty of soap in the toilets as well as paper towels to dry our hands with. We have talked about the importance of effective hand washing to all pupils.

### **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

### **Advice to those who have travelled recently...**

Public Health England has changed the advice for individuals who have travelled recently as follows:

#### **Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province**

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province to the UK in the last 14 days you should immediately:

- ◇ stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- ◇ call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.

#### **Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas**

This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas

- **Elsewhere in China**
- **Thailand**
- **Japan**
- **Republic of Korea**
- **Hong Kong**
- **Taiwan**
- **Singapore**
- **Malaysia**
- **Macau**

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country

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

- ◇ 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 County Hall 0300 1234 101.

Yours sincerely

**Sue Smith on behalf of staff and governors at St Levan School. Thankyou.**