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Coronavirus update

Parents will be aware of concerns following news of a small number of confirmed coronavirus patients in Europe, including in Northern Italy and Tenerife. This has coincided with the half term break, when many schools support students with travel including ski trips.

Government advice is that any families who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy, identified areas in South Korea or in Hubei province in China in the last fourteen days, should stay indoors and contact NHS 111. Bluecoat Wollaton and Bluecoat Aspley students did go to Italy on a ski trip over the half term break. The ski resort visited by our schools **did not** fall within the lock down area. The advice regarding immediate self-isolation has only been given to people returning from any of the 12 towns currently in lockdown in Italy. Our ski trip did not visit these specific lock down areas.

Archway Learning Trust continues to monitor NHS advice closely, and is acting under advice from Public Health England. We are advised that the risk to students and staff remains very low. Public Health England have made the following recommendation to reduce risk of infection.

- do not travel while sick
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Throw tissues in the bin
- wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available

A dedicated coronavirus advice line is accessible from the NHS 111 switchboard.

The Trust is providing advice in the form of posters around all schools and additional hand sanitizers for use by students and staff.

Archway Learning Trust has taken, and will continue to take, specific advice from the public health authorities. Please be assured that we are taking this matter incredibly seriously and that our first priority is the safety and well being of all our students and staff.



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