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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus Update

I am writing to you today to ensure clarity and also requesting some information from you.

As I hope you are already aware the WJS Website now has a tab where you can get the links to all the latest guidance and information from the government regarding the Coronavirus.

<https://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus&pid=117>

Regarding self-isolation

Current Government guidance makes it clear that this is **only** required where:

- pupils or staff are “contacts” of a **confirmed case** of Coronavirus;
- pupils or staff have travelled to a Category 1 specified country or area – **even where they are currently well** and not having displaying symptoms;
- pupils or staff have travelled to a Category 2 specified country or area – **only if they develop symptoms.**

Notifying school

If a case is **confirmed amongst pupils or staff** (or by a person they are connected with or may have been in contact with) the school needs to know and will report it to Public Health England, who will advise the school what to do. In that instance, outside of those considered close contacts, the rest of the school does not need to take any further precautions.

Information request

In addition to this, we are now requesting that **all staff and parents provide us with any destinations they intend to travel to outside of the UK over Easter or prior to the Easter Break.** This will enable us to follow guidance from the government as it is updated.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

On a reassuring note, the vast majority of people are not at high risk from this current illness. However, we must play our part in the hope that we can keep the most vulnerable amongst our school communities safe and well.

Kind regards,

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Annie Knoupe
Headteacher

