

# PARENTMAIL SENT – Friday 28 February 2020



## Update regarding Coronavirus (COVID19)

Dear Parents,

We are contacting you to update you regarding Coronavirus (COVID19). We understand the concern generated by this national issue and we would like to reassure you that we are continuing to follow the latest advice from Public Health England (PHE), who are working closely with the NHS.

Current PHE guidance is clear that there is no requirement to shut the school but, in our own case, there is advice to follow as a result of our ski trip to Italy that happened over the February half-term. The PHE advice is that if anyone that went on the trip is displaying symptoms such as a cough, difficulty in breathing or fever, however mild, they should go home and call NHS 111 for advice. We have been talking to those staff and students that went on the ski trip and where anyone has reported symptoms (the typical symptom we have seen is a cough), they have been advised to go home and make the NHS 111 call. We know from parents that have done this that the NHS 111 advice has varied from saying their child can return to school immediately, to return to school in a few days, to undertake tests. We would like to stress that at this time no Hinchingsbrooke member of staff or student has a confirmed case of COVID 19 but we are in no way complacent and we will continue to closely monitor the situation on a daily basis.

In terms of general hygiene, we are strongly advising everyone to wash their hands frequently and the school has added additional capacity to its cleaning regime.

Please be reassured that we will continue to follow advice from PHE and we will update you again next week, whether there is any change to the situation or not. We also intend to prepare a message to give to all students on Monday about this issue.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Mr M Patterson

Principal