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Dear Parents / Carers,

Public Health England Advice – Coronavirus

As national media continues to update us on the movement and progression of the Coronavirus, we thought it important to update both school communities on the latest information and advice received from Public Health England.

A group of Buckingham School students have recently returned from an amazing ski trip to Austria. Reassuringly, Austria is not an affected area; we have been in contact with the office of the Services Director of Education, Buckingham County Council and they have verified that at this time, Austria is not an area of concern. Royal Latin School students also enjoyed an excellent ski trip to Spain during half term. Again, Spain is not deemed to be an area of concern.

The latest advice from Public Health England is not advising schools to shut in an attempt to stem the spread of Coronavirus; please refer to the web-link shown below.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/feb/26/schools-not-being-advised-to-shut-over-coronavirus-says-phe>

Furthermore, to help address any issues or concerns you may have, we have received information and advice from the Department of Education, relating to those that have recently travelled outside of the UK:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

If you wish to explore further advice, then the following link provides up-to-date information and, as with the Gov.UK website above, is updated daily:

Public Health England Blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

This is an evolving concern for us all, as the situation continues to change, therefore, please monitor the health of anyone who has travelled outside of the UK and should you have any concerns please contact 111 for advice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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