Dear Parents/Carers

As you all know the risk of Coronavirus is continuously being updated. As of 9am on 2 March, a total of 13,525 people have been tested in the UK, of which 13,485 were confirmed negative and 40 positive.

The Department of Health and Social Care will be publishing updated data on this page every day at 2pm until further notice. This data is accurate as of 9am on the day of publication.

If more cases are confirmed in the UK, it will be announced by the Chief Medical Officer of the affected country.

**Risk level**

Based on the World Health Organization’s declaration that this is a public health emergency of international concern, the [UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the UK from low to moderate](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-from-the-four-uk-chief-medical-officers-on-novel-coronavirus).

**Returning travellers**

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people immediately if you’ve travelled to the UK from:

* Hubei province in China in the last 14 days, even if you do not have symptoms
* Iran, [lockdown areas in northern Italy](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public#lockdown-areas) or [special care zones in South Korea](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public#lockdown-areas) since 19 February, even if you do not have symptoms
* other parts of mainland China or South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan or Thailand in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath (even if your symptoms are mild)
* other parts of northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar or Vietnam since 19 February and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath (even if your symptoms are mild)

Use the [111 online coronavirus service](https://111.nhs.uk/service/covid-19) to find out what to do next.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

In Scotland call your GP or NHS 24 on 111 out of hours.

In Wales call 111 (if available in your area) or 0845 46 47.

Lockdown areas in northern Italy:

* in Lombardy: Codogno, Castiglione d’Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano
* in Veneto: Vo’ Euganeo

Special care zones in South Korea:

* Daegu
* Cheongdo

See [maps of the specified areas](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk).

This guidance is based on the recommendations of the UK Chief Medical officers. These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

For areas with direct flights to the UK we are carrying out enhanced monitoring. Passengers will be told how to report any symptoms they develop during the flight, at the time of arrival, or after leaving the airport.

We have attached a PHE poster along with this letter which explains how to prevent infection being transmitted and keeping yourselves infection free. We will keep you updated on any changes.

Along with this please note the following:

If you have been in contact with anyone from these regions that has become sick such as friends and relatives please do not attend the preschool until you have been given an all clear.

If you are travelling abroad please do not return to preschool without first calling us, as the situation is constantly being reviewed globally.

We thank you for your cooperation and help to ensure all children and staff are kept safe.

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