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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus (Covid19) - Recent Travel Guidance 26.02.20 (including Italy)

We are issuing this update in line with government advice about the spread of the Coronavirus. At this stage we have no reason to believe that anyone at Akroydon Primary Academy has travelled to any of the affected regions. However, given there has been a recent break and people may have travelled we are raising awareness and asking people to consider if they might be affected.

Public Health England have advised that anyone returning to the UK from any of the recently published quarantined areas should self-isolate once they arrive home, whether they are displaying symptoms of the virus or not. This includes a range of countries, more recently Europe in terms of Northern Italy.

The quarantined areas released by the Italian Government include 10 small towns in Lombardy (Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano) and one in Veneto (Vo' Euganeo).

The British government has updated its guidance and suggests that anyone returning from the region north of Pisa should avoid contact with others if they start to show flu-like symptoms. The latest guidance can be accessed through the following website link which relates to all countries currently affected:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

As a result, we would ask that all families/individuals who have travelled to and from Italy or China contact the Academy to update on your specific circumstances and that of your child. Furthermore, if anyone travelled specifically to any of the identified regions, we recommend that they follow the advice to self-isolate in line with the guidelines, and contact the academy urgently to inform us of the situation.

At this time, following the most up to date advice, we have no reason to advise anyone to remain at home and isolate. We are however aware of other schools that have taken the decision to send pupils and staff home, specifically as a result of visiting the quarantined locations as reported in the media.

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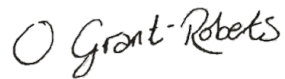
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We will continue to monitor the advice from Public Health, the Health Secretary and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in order to maintain appropriate safeguarding arrangements and will keep you updated as appropriate.

Yours sincerely



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