

from Tom Lawson MA (Oxon), Headmaster

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Dear Parents,

Coronavirus (now known as Covid-19) update

Update

Our advice remains largely the same as the letter of 13 February concerning China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau, and now includes Cambodia, Laos, Mayanmar, Vietnam, Iran and affected areas of Italy. Any pupil travelling or in contact with someone who has travelled to any of these countries should self-isolate for 14 days before returning to school. Anyone developing symptoms should always dial 111 immediately and follow advice.

The situation is dynamic and we will continue to review our policy and keep parents informed. Please do think ahead about plans for Easter. Please get in touch with Eastbourne College box office if you would like an updated list of available Easter camps at UK schools: <u>boxoffice@eastbourne-college.co.uk</u>

We continue to be alert for any pupil showing symptoms and please let us know of any information you may have about contact with anyone showing symptoms or who has travelled from a potentially risky area.

The picture varies considerably from country to country and is constantly evolving so the school must assess the risk based on the travel profile of the individuals concerned. Following advice from the BSA, the rule on isolation for travel / contact with travellers from China and Hong Kong, Daegu province in Korea, Iran and Italian towns under containment remains absolute. There may be exceptional circumstances for very limited contact with people from other lower-risk countries. Please get in touch with the medical centre for an individual risk assessment if you think you fall into that exceptional category.

- Eastbourne College: medical@eastbourne-college.co.uk
- St Andrew's Prep: medical@standrewsprep.co.uk

We remain committed to supporting the pupils and their families through this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if you need further information or reassurance.

Yours sincerely,

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