



# CALLINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of our preventative measures to continue keeping our students safe and well and to alert you to the guidance from the Department of Education. Following the outbreak of the Coronavirus, it is of course, being monitored daily by the government and alerts from the Department of Education are sent to us to provide up to the minute guidance.

In accordance with this guidance, we have been committed to sharing the importance of good hygiene with our students and this is currently being shared via tutor time and consists of the reminders to wash and dry hands fully after visiting the bathroom and sneezing or coughing into a tissue.

Whilst UK medical advisers have raised the risk to the public from 'low' to 'moderate', it is acknowledged that the risk to individuals is still very low and good hygiene is suitable prevention and protection.

We remain confident that the risk to students is low and would ask that you remind your son/daughter of the need for continued good hygiene.

Further to this, there are a small number of exceptions (listed below), that further to the guidance, it would be pertinent to be additionally cautious. Should any of the information below apply to any students, we would ask that they remain at home for a two week period and this absence will of course be authorised. Please advise us if you have travelled to any of these regions in the last few weeks;

Mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau and in addition have suffered from any shortage of breath, cough or fever. If this applies to any members of your family, you are advised to contact NHS 111 and stay indoors.

In addition, if you have returned from the areas below since 19 February, you are advised to call NHS 111 and stay indoors (even if you are not exhibiting any symptoms);

Iran, specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (as identified by the Government of Italy), special care zones in South Korea (as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea) and the Hubei province.

Further guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

The Department for Education's advice on this is clear in that parents/carers should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your son/daughter catching the Coronavirus and there is no reason (other than those cited above) to keep your child at home.

Kindest regards

Wendy Ainsworth  
Principal

