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Dear Parents/Carers,

There have been numerous recent reports in the media relating to individuals returning from travel abroad and possible exposure to COVID-19 (commonly referred to as 'coronavirus'). Official government advice has been issued in relation to those people returning from their travels. I have ensured this information has been passed on to the parents of children who have returned from a recent ski trip to Pila, in northern Italy. I am grateful to these parents for their supportive, calm and pragmatic response, particularly in light of the high profile given to COVID-19.

Yesterday, an advice poster was issued by Public Health England, specifically for places of education. This morning, all students were briefed on the contents of this poster and a copy was put on display in every form room. A copy of this poster can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866771/Coronavirus_advice_for_education_settings_poster.pdf

I have sought advice and guidance from the Director of Public Health Shropshire and NHS, as well as using the resources from the government website, which you can view yourself here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

At this moment in time, the only children from our school who are advised to stay at home are those who have just returned from northern Italy and display 'flu-like' symptoms, as specified in the guidance. Parents of these children are advised to contact NHS 111.

Children who have returned from the ski trip and who are well are advised to attend school. There is no reason for other fit and healthy children to avoid school.

If I receive any further factual information or guidance from an official body, such as Public Health England, in relation to any further developments, I will inform those it applies to.

Thank you for the ongoing support you give to your children and the school. If you do have any further queries about the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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