



25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Reference:** Public Health England

As you may be aware from today's news reports, the British government has updated its advice to travellers who have returned from northern Italy since 19<sup>th</sup> February. This follows the identified outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Lombardy and Veneto.

Students from this academy were among those who took part in a Priory Federation ski trip to Aprica, Italy, and who arrived back in Lincolnshire on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. They have been informed of the latest guidelines.

As an academy within the Priory Trust, we will be following advice issued by Public Health England (PHE) at all times. The advice, as of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020, is as follows:

*"If you have returned from northern Italy since 19<sup>th</sup> February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. **You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.**"*

PHE describes coronavirus symptoms as: *"Flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild."*

We have also taken advice from Lincolnshire County Council in order to help allay any concerns people may have. The council, too, is advising that all schools and academies continue to follow PHE guidance.

We will, of course, continue to keep you updated with government advice as and when it is made available. (The relevant section of the PHE website can be found here: [Public Health England](https://www.gov.uk/government/announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-public).)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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