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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you about Coronavirus and the measures that Northampton Primary Academy trust is taking to keep all pupils safe. We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing [guidance from Public Health England](#) on steps we should all – trust and school staff, parents and carers - be taking.

There's currently no cause for concern at any of our schools, but we will keep you informed about any developments and ensure we are keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

We are encouraging all members of NPAT to help to slow the spread of all germs, including Coronavirus, by following this simple guidance:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment and do not come into school

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has also advised against all but essential travel to China and advised extra precautions for people returning from the following areas:

- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

We will be endorsing this guidance in all our schools, **so if any members of your family, including pupils at the school, visit any of the countries or are visited by people coming to the UK from these countries, they will not be allowed at the school until they have self-isolated for fourteen days in a non-affected area.** If any pupil comes into close contact with such a person (e.g. if a parent has arrived from a country listed above and seen a pupil over half term) then that pupil may not return to the school or have contact with other members of the school community until they have remained symptom-free for 14 days.

Thank you all for your support in protecting the health and wellbeing of our school communities.

Kind regards,

Julia Kedwards (OBE)  
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