

26 February 2020

Dear All,

You will be aware of concerns regarding the Coronavirus and schools and we are writing to update you on the current situation at Broadstone First and Broadstone Middle Schools.

As of this morning, we are not aware of any students at either school displaying any symptoms to cause concern. However, a number of local families have been to Italy in half term and after consulting with Public Health England, we are writing to inform you of their advice.

“Anyone who has travelled from Northern Italy – defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini – since February 19 and develops flu like symptoms, including a fever, cough or difficulty breathing (even if symptoms are minor) should stay indoors and avoid contact with people for fourteen days. The NHS should be contacted on 111 to confirm this action has been taken.”

**Public Health England have been quite clear that this advice only needs to be followed if there are symptoms displayed.**

Obviously this advice does not only apply to Northern Italy. It applies to all “hot spots” identified by Public Health England. The full list of category one and two areas and maps is available in this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

You can help us by ensuring you encourage your children to maintain regular hygiene practices such as regular hand washing, and putting used tissues straight in an enclosed bin after use. We will continue to remind them and do all we can at school to ensure high standards of hygiene.

We are keeping the situation under constant review and will keep families up-to-date with information provided by Public Health England.

Yours sincerely



Dawn Wilks  
Executive Headteacher



Jade Palmer  
Head of School  
Broadstone Middle School



Rebecca Wood  
Head of School  
Broadstone First School