



27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Understandably, many parents and carers have been contacting the school to ask questions or raise concerns in regards to the Coronavirus. It is not possible to respond to all enquiries personally but we will continue to update parents regularly with any updates that we receive from the authorities.

There have been many different stories and comments made on social media regarding the Coronavirus linked to the ski trip to Italy. I am writing to clarify those facts and to assure you the College is following the advice from Public Health England.

Our KS3 ski trip returned on the weekend from the Aosta Valley in Northern Italy. This is not an area currently under strict lockdown controls by the Italian authorities. Public Health England have categorized this region as a 'Category 2' area (Given it is in Northern Italy, above Pisa).

Section 9 of the 'Guidance to educational settings about Covid-19', says pupil and staff returning from this area are to continue to attend work or education. Should they become unwell, as per our letter yesterday, they are to remain indoors at home and contact the NHS 111.

Please be assured we are following the advice and guidance of the authorities and not the media. This advice is changing daily, and we will respond to this accordingly.

For further information about the specific guidance for schools, please see the PHE Website:

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

Yours faithfully,



**Mr R Denial**  
**Principal**