



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



26 February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to draw your attention to updated advice on coronavirus, which has been posted today on the homepage of our school website:

*Public Health England have advised that Folgarida is not an affected area therefore, unless any symptoms are shown within 14 days of return, there is no concern or need for quarantine.
Symptoms include cough, fever, shortness of breath.*

In flu season it is likely that a proportion of students who have travelled to resorts may return with viral infections and some students may report feeling unwell. Our advice to students who are symptomatic is the same as it would be in other cases. Children who feel unwell should not be in school but should remain at home and concentrate on their recovery. Any respiratory symptoms should be reported to NHS 111.

Additionally [Public Health England](#) advice states that any student who believes they may have been at risk of contact with coronavirus should:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- Call [NHS 111](#) to inform them of your recent travel to the country

[Encouraging good hygiene](#)

As always, if you have symptoms of a cold or flu, then there are measures you can take to stop germs:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

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Today all students have been briefed in detail about hygiene advice and coronavirus itself and how it is caught. Furthermore, every classroom and public area (reception, dining hall etc.) have hand sanitisers and staff will administer this on entry to every classroom, every lesson.

There are also posters, provided by Public Health England, in all classrooms. For your information, these posters can be viewed [here](#).

We will always act with the safety of students and staff being paramount in all decisions and, at present, we have been advised that the risk to all students and staff is low.

We are in daily discussion with Public Health England and should anything change we will update the website immediately.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Huntington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr S Huntington
Executive Principal