

# LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/carers

## Coronavirus update

This update is to give you further information and advice about coronavirus. The situation is changing quickly, and we continue to follow advice from Public Health England and the Boarding Schools Association so that we can provide the best possible care for the whole school community.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has advised against all but essential travel to China. They have also identified a number of countries with close travel links to China as having an elevated risk.

UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath within 14 days of having travelled to the UK from China, Thailand, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau to stay indoors and seek medical help.

Our current advice is as follows:

### China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan

- LRGS will not allow any visitors to the school from China, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan unless they have completed a 14 day quarantine period.
- Pupils have been advised not to travel to those areas during half term. Thank you to all boarding parents who have been in contact with Housemasters about your sons' altered plans.
- We request that pupils must let the school know if they intend to meet anyone who has recently travelled from those areas, so that we can assess the possible risks.

### Thailand, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Malaysia

These countries are considered to be at elevated risk. We request that any pupils who intend to visit any of these countries must let the school know. There are currently no restrictions on travel but it is possible that pupils might be required to complete a quarantine period before returning to LRGS.

### Easter

It is likely that restrictions will still be in place at Easter. The Easter holidays are only two weeks long, so it is currently very unlikely for pupils to be able to travel to Hong Kong or other high risk areas at Easter and return for the start of term. Boarders from those areas will again have to stay with guardians in the UK.

I will continue to update you as the situation and advice changes. I am very grateful for your support at this difficult time.

With all best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Dr C J Pyle  
Headmaster