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### Update on precautions around protecting families from Coronavirus

Dear parents/carers,

Following information sent to parents yesterday, new advice from Public Health England has been received at 9 o' clock this morning. They have advised the following:

If you have returned from the following specific areas since 19th February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (see maps on page 2)
- Special care zones in South Korea
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)

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

Accordingly, we have contacted two Gillespie families who have informed us they have travelled to identified areas in Northern Italy and requested that they self-isolate for the next two weeks. None of the children in either family have any symptoms. We have been advised directly this morning by Public Health England that if there are no symptoms such as coughing and sneezing there is an extremely low chance that there has been any potential transmission to other children and there is no further action the school needs to take. There is no need for parents to be concerned if they have children in the same classes. As part of our general hygiene regime we have instructed teachers and other staff to ensure that children are regularly washing their hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser through the school day.

Both families have wanted to be identified as they understand families could be anxious. Nicolas (Y5), Juliette and Skye (Y3) are staying indoors after this advice. We are very grateful that families have taken these difficult steps and look forward to seeing them back at Gillespie as soon as possible!

**If there are any other families who travelled to Northern Italy then you must contact the school as a matter of urgency regardless of whether your children are showing any symptoms.**

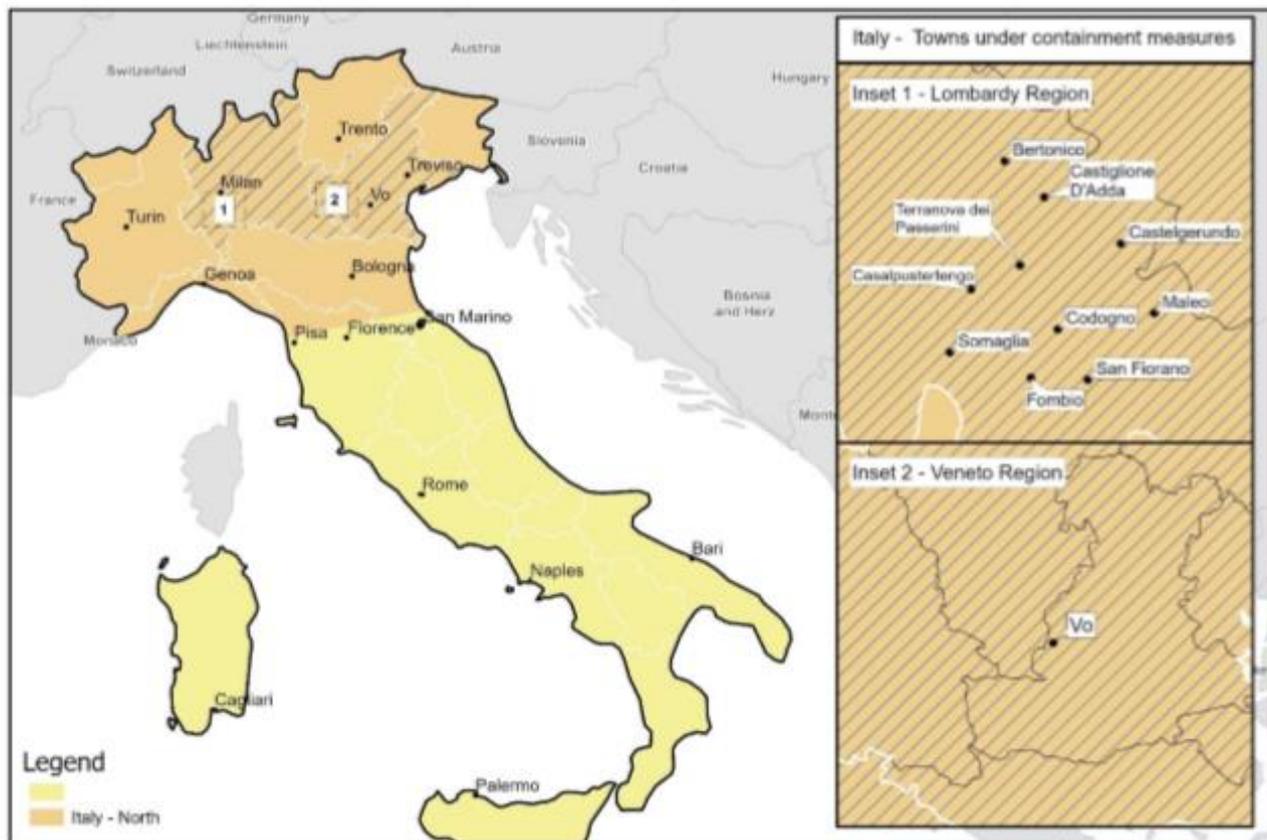
Yours sincerely,  
Mark Owen  
Headteacher



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Map showing specified areas of Italy, as of 25 February 2020.



Yellow area – no special measures

Orange area – specified towns (see inset and listed below) are Category 1. Otherwise orange areas are category 2.

The specified towns (see inset map) are in the regions of Lombardy and Veneto.

In the Lombardy Region:

- Bertonico
- Casalpusterlengo
- Castelgerundo
- Castiglione D'Adda
- Codogno
- Fombio
- Maleo
- San Fiorano
- Somaglia
- Terranova dei Passerini

In the Veneto Region:

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