



Policy from Future Education Ltd, regarding COVID-10 or Coronavirus

The Coronavirus situation in the UK is evolving rapidly and government has warned that in the next 10-14 days it is likely that they will request that people with minor coughs, colds, fevers etc self-isolate at home for 7 days: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51807781>.

Following the updated Government guidance today – Anyone who has travelled since 19 February 2020 from Italy, which the Italian government has quarantined; and the named countries below, **MUST NOT** return to their school and seek advice from the NHS, even if they do not have symptoms. Please keep Future Education and your school updated.

Please read the government abridged guidance – a full statement is in the link at the end of this letter. Future Education will endeavour to keep you updated as the guidance changes.

There are some key points to emphasise:

- 1) Agency workers will be asked about minor health symptoms not just their travel history/exposure to Covid-19 cases before they are booked onto shifts to ensure they are fit to work – Future Education has produced a health screening form which temporary workers will be required to complete.
- 2) Future Education has been working in close collaboration with governing boards to monitor the situation, monitoring Coronavirus hotspots and lockdowns that are emerging, as these are changing rapidly.
- 3) You can find the latest news of infection hotspots at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.
- 4) **Returning travellers** - Based on the scientific advice of the [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\)](#) the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from any of the countries listed below in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

If you have returned from these specific areas since February 19, you should **call NHS111** and **stay indoors** and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms**:

- Iran
- Italy as designated by the Government of Italy
- Special care zones in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days, even if your symptoms are mild:

- Italy (outside [specific areas in northern Italy](#)) before 9 March
- mainland China outside of Hubei province
- South Korea outside of Daegu, Cheongdo and Gyeongsan
- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Laos
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

- 5) Good hygiene has never been more critical. Our workers are reminded to take the appropriate measures to reduce virus spread:

Please follow the guidelines from the World Health Organisation on infection control:

- Frequently clean hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing by using alcohol-based hand rub and/or soap and water.
- When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash your hands.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough.
- Avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home when they are sick

- 6) **Health protection regulations** - On 10 February, the [Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, announced strengthened legal powers to protect public health.](#)

[The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020](#) have been put in place to reduce the risk of further human-to-human transmission in this country by keeping individuals in isolation where public health professionals believe there is a reasonable risk an individual may have the virus.'

If you have been requested to self-isolate you should take simple, common-sense steps to avoid close contact with other people as much as possible, like you would with other flu viruses. This means remaining at home for the required period (depending on what the current government mandate is - at the moment this is 14 days for travellers from certain countries) and not going to work, school or public areas. Where possible, anyone self-isolating should avoid having visitors to their home.

If you have to self-isolate you **MUST CALL 111** and if self-isolation is advised your GP/111 Advisor will be able to provide evidence which will be required for Future Education.

Latest updates:

25 February Updates on Coronavirus:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>