



# MAHARISHI SCHOOL

CONSCIOUSNESS - BASED EDUCATION

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to reassure you that we are continuing to monitor the coronavirus situation on a daily basis and will, of course, keep you informed should we need to take any further action in order to safeguard the health and safety of our school community.

We currently have a small group of four secondary phase pupils away on a history trip to Belgium and France. Both the Tour Operator and ourselves sought and followed up-to-date advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education in the lead up to the trip, and some last minute changes were made to the itinerary as a precaution. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office is not currently advising against travel to any country/territory other than those currently classified as Category 1 and Category 2. The latest travel advice can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Current advice from the Department for Education is that schools should remain open. As you would expect, we are planning to ensure that our pupils' learning continues calmly and uninterrupted whatever the circumstances and will inform you of our contingency plans in due course. It would really help us if you could ensure that you have notified us of any telephone number or email address changes.

Advice from Public Health England around how we can all help to stop the spread of the virus remains focused on regularly handwashing with soap and water, catching sneezes and coughs in a tissue and disposing of the tissue and avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. More details can be found on the attached document, 'Advice on the coronavirus for places of education' and via the following two videos: <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU> - How to wash your hands

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properly - and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg> - A child-friendly song on how to wash hands properly.

Meanwhile can we reinforce the advice that if you, or your child has recently travelled back from any of the countries currently identified as being at risk, including Italy, please let us know immediately so that we can support you.

If you have any queries that you would like to discuss with us, please contact the school by email or through the school office.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Edwards', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Edwards