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Dear Parents,

As you will be aware school finishes on **Friday 16th October** for the half term break and we return back to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

We are aware that some of you may be planning to go on vacation during the break, therefore we must remind all parents that if you are going on holiday outside the UK, you must ensure you are following the current Government Guidance.

If you are going to a country not on the exempt list **you may have to self-isolate for 14 days on your return to the UK.**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

During this time your child(ren) will not be able to come into school and therefore will be expected to complete their school work at home.

If you are travelling to a country NOT on the exempt list please notify school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

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The Government Guidance is as follows.

Before you travel

- follow the current guidance in the place where you live.
- keep up-to-date with the latest developments for your destination before your trip.
- find out about any entry restrictions, screening or quarantine requirements on arrival that might affect you. Check 'entry requirements' in our [travel advice](#) and contact the [UK-based embassy of the country you're travelling to](#) for more information
 - if you need to take a COVID-19 test to facilitate travelling to another country, you should not use the NHS testing service. Instead, you should arrange to take a private test
- read the [safer air travel guidance](#) on sensible precautions and steps to take if you're flying. Consider your own circumstances and health, and remember you will need to [wear a face covering](#) on flights in England and Scotland.
- check with your accommodation provider for information about availability and the safety measures they have put in place
- read the advice of local authorities and follow all local health measures in place during your journey and in your destination. Local measures and travel restrictions may change before you arrive or during your stay. Check the [travel advice](#) page for your destination and check with your transport provider for more information
- get [travel insurance](#), and make sure you are content with the level of cover it provides. If you already have travel insurance check it is valid and provides appropriate cover
- check your cancellation rights. Speak to your tour operator, transport and accommodation providers if you have any questions

When you're abroad

- be prepared to comply with measures at your destination to manage a localised outbreak. If you test positive for coronavirus you are likely to need to get treatment locally and stay there until you have recovered. If you are required to quarantine or self-isolate by local authorities, you should expect to do so in the country. You may need to stay longer than you intended. Plan ahead for any delays to your return home and the financial implications or practical arrangements you may need to make
- continue to follow any updates to our [travel advice](#) for your destination
- if you will be returning to the UK, prepare for your return journey by completing the [passenger locator form](#)

When you return

- you will need to follow the [rules for entering the UK](#). You must show proof of a completed [passenger locator form](#) at the UK border. You can complete it up to 48 hours before you enter the UK, and should do so before arrival. Failing to complete the form is a criminal offence
- **you may have to self-isolate for the first 14 days you're in the UK.** See the guidance on self-isolation for [England](#), [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)
- you may not have to self-isolate when you arrive from some countries and territories known as 'travel corridors'. View the latest guidance and list of travel corridors for [England](#), [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)
- see the [list of people who are exempt from the English border rules](#)