Dear Parent / Guardian

Following the news article on the BBC this morning regarding advice for travellers returning from Northern Italy the school sought advice from the Northern Ireland Public Health Agency.

The Public Health Agency has recommended that any pupil or member of staff who recently travelled to northern Italy and is displaying flu-like symptoms, should be isolated as soon as possible and should self-isolate at home. In addition, as a further precaution, siblings or other family members showing flu-like symptoms should self-isolate and not attend school.

During this time if they display any flu-like symptoms, cough etc. you should contact your GP but DO NOT ATTEND the surgery.

Further information can be obtained from the PHA website <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/> or from the 24/7 helpline on 0300 200 7885

Obviously this has been an extremely busy morning as we have sought advice from the relevant governmental agencies and I thank parents for their patience.  This is the first opportunity that I have had to communicate directly with you and we will continue to follow the advice and guidance from the Public Health Agency.

The information we receive is constantly being updated by the Public Health Agency and I encourage you to check their website for further details.

Yours sincerely

R S McLoughlin

Principal