

St. George's School of English

Coronavirus policy for the agencies

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China.

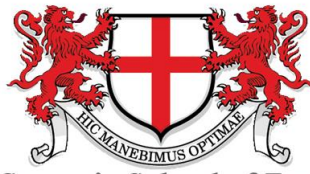
Based on current evidence, novel coronavirus (COVID-19) presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. **The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild.** Those who have died in Wuhan appear to have had pre-existing health conditions.

The UK is now one of the first countries outside China to have a prototype specific laboratory test for this new disease. This information was taken from the Government website.

For more information and updates about the virus please go to <https://www.gov.uk/>

To help the UK to limit the new cases of the virus but also to protect you, your clients, host families and the team members, St. George's is issuing the following policy:

- 1) The agency is responsible for advising the teachers and thus the parents of the students to exclude any student/accompanying adult from the trip if that individual or a member of their family has recently (in the last 3 weeks) been to these countries – China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Macau.
- 2) The agency is responsible for advising the teachers and thus the parents of the students to exclude any student/accompanying adult if that individual is showing signs of flu and other infectious diseases. (Nobody with a severe cough, shortness of breath, cold or temperature must participate in the trip.)
- 3) The agency is responsible for advising the teachers and thus the parents of the students that any student/accompanying adult with a severe cough, shortness of breath, cold, temperature and generally feeling unwell will be excluded from the trip at the point of the meeting prior to the departure of the group. The parents of the students are responsible for checking that their children are well enough to travel.



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- 4) The agency is responsible for instructing their representative to make sure that hygiene standards are met during travel.
- 5) Upon arrival to Worthing, usually on the first day of tuition (if tuition is booked) the students and the adults will be inducted by a member St. George's team on hygiene standards which must be met at the school and the host families:
 - Hand washing
 - Using alcohol-based sanitising hand gels
 - Catching sneezes and coughs into a tissue and binning it and washing hands again
 - A member of the St. George's team will be measuring the body temperature of all the students and adults in the school once a day with a non-contact thermometer.

Although it is unavoidable for some of the students to catch a cold while on their trip in the UK, this is usually due to the climate and weather change. The students from warmer countries are more susceptible to these changes.

- 6) The agency is responsible for advising their clients that should a member of St. George's team identify a student with the apparent flu like symptoms, they will seek professional advice from the Public Health authorities, and they will follow their policy on how to deal with the case. Please note that St. George's School of English and the individual will have to comply with any procedure suggested by the authorities and in some cases it may even result in testing the individual by the Public Health authorities and/or in quarantining the individual at one of the quarantine centers in the UK for 14 days – or until the individual is healthy again.

St. George's will provide to the students with:

- Tissues
- Alcohol-based sanitising gel

St. George's uses Dettol™ cleaning products, Dettol™ disinfectant sprays and adheres to good hygiene standards.

Please note that this policy may be updated as further information about the virus and any changes in the UK Government policy becomes available.

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