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**As you may all be aware China is currently having to deal with a national outbreak of Coronavirus and whilst most cases have been contained within the country there may be new cases throughout the world. This is a stressful and upsetting time for China and it is understandable that we are beginning to get questions from our Centre Directors throughout all our territories on what they need to do.**

As the outbreak is generally in its early stages outside of China and information is emerging regularly on cases we can only support you at this time by suggesting that you direct your Centre Directors and any parent enquiries to your Public Health Body, The World Health Organisation or The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as these will have the latest information and updates.

We would advise that should you have anyone in your Centre that has travelled or been in contact with someone from the affected areas and they are developing any symptoms associated with the virus that they should seek medical attention immediately. Should you have any children or staff returning to the centre after a trip to affected areas, consider whether there has been any time lapse since their return and if they have any doubt about their health you should suggest they get checked before returning to the centre.

However, be aware we do not want to cause distress or panic at this time and any request you make are purely precautionary and based on their travel and health. Whilst we know that everyone works hard to maintain excellent levels of hand hygiene and general cleanliness whilst in the centre's we ask that you are extra vigilant and ensure this is fully in place. We are currently drafting an updated procedure for escalation, in the event of a suspected outbreak in your home country, this will be shared with you on completion.

Warmest Regards

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