

## Stonyhurst Language School & Tennis Academy response to the risk presented by Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

We would like to reassure parents with some information regarding the current risk presented by the spread of coronavirus. We are continuing to monitor the situation regularly and carefully through the World Health Organisation (WHO) bulletins, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Public Health England (PHE), the Boarding Schools' Association (BSA), and in particular, from the Medical Officers' of Schools Association (MOSA). Our priority continues to be the health of all members of the Language School community.

In the past few days, the Chief Medical Officers of the United Kingdom have raised **the risk to individuals in the UK** from low to **moderate** and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office has advised against all but essential travel to China.

Government guidance has now extended beyond China to include a list of countries which have extensive travel links with China, therefore, carrying an elevated risk of transmission. This includes Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, and Macau.

Areas of **high risk** are defined as **China, Hong Kong and Taiwan**. Areas of **elevated risk** are defined as **Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and Macau**.

- Stonyhurst Language School & Tennis Academy will not allow any staff to travel to high risk areas on school business, nor allow any visitors, including parents and recruitment agents, to visit the school from those areas unless they have completed a 14-day quarantine period.
- Adults or pupils who travel to a high risk area will be required to undergo a 14-day quarantine period before return to school.

**It is likely that restrictions will remain in place for some time, however we continue to monitor the situation and expect that all restrictions will have been lifted in time for the first summer course, commencing July 2020.**

The UK Government has published advice for members of the public. This includes an update on the [situation in the UK](#), [advice for travellers](#), and a [summary of action taken](#).

***We will update this document in due course as further information becomes available.***

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