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## **Sedbergh Schools' response to the risk presented by Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

### **Statement No 7 issued on 12 March 2020**

The global situation regarding the incidence of the Coronavirus Covid-19 is changing rapidly.

Britain remains in the Containment phase of response to the threat but expects the number of infections to rise sharply and will enter the Delay phase quite soon. Other parts of the world have passed through this phase or successfully contained the virus and established successful protection measures.

It follows that our travel policies must respond to the changing circumstances and until further notice we will restrict travel from Category 1 Risk areas only. At the date of writing these are defined as:

#### **Areas of High Risk (Category 1): China, South Korea, Italy, Iran including transit airports**

- Sedbergh 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 away from those countries.
- Adults or pupils who travel to a high risk area will be required to undergo a 14-day quarantine period before return to Sedbergh.
- Pupils who meet others (adults or children) from high risk areas will be required to undergo a 14-day quarantine from the last point of contact before return to Sedbergh, unless the person they meet completes a full 14-day quarantine virus free in which case no further quarantine is required.

If this changes your Easter travel plans, please advise Housemasters or Housemistress so that we can update our records.

I recognise that this change may come after parents have already changed their plans once to accommodate our earlier restrictions. I am very sorry if this is the case and hope you will understand that our position will continue to change as we progress through a fast-moving situation. This may yet lead to the (re)instatement of restrictions in the event of further spread or a second wave of the virus in currently unrestricted areas.

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