

Policy Statement on the Coronavirus (Covid-19) March 8th 2020

We are committed to protecting the welfare and wellbeing of our staff and students at Mayfair School of English. Currently, we are following UK Government guidelines and also those issued by the British Council with regard to the outbreak of the virus in order to ensure the wellbeing of all in our school community.

Advice and guidelines are outlined as follows:

Advice to students arriving in the UK from Category 1 countries

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| <p>Category 1 areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wuhan city and Hubei Province in China ○ Any area of Italy under containment ○ Iran ○ Daegu and Cheongdo in the Republic of Korea | <p>Students who have visited these areas will not be able to start a course until 2 weeks after their return and then, only if they have shown no symptoms. If they do show symptoms, they must self-isolate immediately and call the health service.</p> |
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Advice to students arriving in the UK from Category 2 areas

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| <p>Category 2 areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rest of China ○ Japan ○ Taiwan ○ Thailand ○ Republic of Korea ○ Malaysia ○ Myanmar ○ Singapore ○ Vietnam ○ Macau ○ Laos ○ Cambodia | <p>Students do not need to take special measures but if they develop symptoms they should self-isolate and call the NHS on 111 for advice</p> |
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To self-isolate, please follow the guidelines:

- Stay at home and do not go to work or school or to public areas
- Do not use public transport (buses, trains, tubes or taxis)
- Avoid having people visit you in your home
- Ask friends/family members or use delivery services to assist with shopping for your needs such as food and medications

General advice to all students and staff

It is very important to follow good basic hygiene routines wherever you are: which involves regular hand washing and use of anti-bacterial hand gels (provided in school); cough and sneeze into your elbow and dispose of tissues safely.

School Policy on Cancelled Courses

The usual cancellation terms and conditions apply unless advised not to travel by the country of departure or the UK Government. We will accept course postponements but the usual notice periods apply for accommodation bookings.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-the-foreign-commonwealth-office-puts-together-travel-advice>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/472f64-covid-19-coronavirus-guidance-and-advice/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51652874>