Dear Kimberton Waldorf School Families,

We are sure that you are aware of the developing situation internationally with the coronavirus. While we have no reason to believe that there is any immediate risk to our school community we have put in place the following protocol regarding our international students, which we have developed over this past week in response to the developing outbreak and is based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The welfare of all of our students and our school community is our primary concern. Our goal is to take prudent and reasonable steps to safeguard our school while being respectful to our international students.

The following is the protocol we have put in place for international students (or any student or school employee who may be considering travel to China). Students returning to KWS from China are required to remain home for 14 days following their return to the United States. The incubation period for the coronavirus spans 2 to 14 days. If students returning home from China are symptom free after 14 days, they may return to school. During the 14 day in-home period students will be provided with assignments in order to keep up with their school work. If a student exhibits signs of illness during the 14 days at home they will be required to seek medical attention. Students will be advised not to travel to China (or potentially other countries depending on the risk) for the remainder of the school year, or until the outbreak is over, and any exceptions will require the written permission of the parents and KWS. Parents living in China are requested not to visit their child in the United States for the remainder of the school year. Students returning to China will be asked to wait until the end of the school year to return, and will be required to arrive back in the United States at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the 2020-21 school year assuming the outbreak is ongoing. We will continue to monitor CDC recommendations and adjust our policy accordingly. Please see the link below for more information about the coronavirus. As always, if you have any questions, you can contact me.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hughes, Dean of School