

*Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.*

Winston Churchill

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### **Principal's Report**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Today, you will have received a message from your child's teacher through Connect welcoming them to their Connect Classroom. Please check that you your child/ren are able to easily get in and out of Connect easily. If you did not get the message and have not got log on details, please let me know and we will work it out first thing Monday.

Just a word of caution to all parents about being transparent with children about who or has not got the virus. If they over hear conversations and not hear whole conversation or they see family members sneezing or having sickness type symptoms, in the absence of information children will form their own opinion and truths. We have had a couple of situation where this has happened and then they have told others that people they know have the virus. Quite rightly, that has caused a great deal of concern. On all accounts my follow-up there has been not virus however a plausible reason for the child forming the opinion. In all cases it could have been prevented by talking candidly and compassionately to the children.

Additional interesting Information about the virus.

Johns Hopkins University, sent this excellent summary to avoid contagion

The virus is not a living organism, but a protein molecule (DNA) covered by a protective layer of lipid (fat), which, when absorbed by the cells of the ocular, nasal or buccal mucosa, changes their genetic code. (mutation) and convert them into aggressor and multiplier cells.

Since the virus is not a living organism but a protein molecule, it is not killed, but decays on its own. The disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.

The virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat. That is why any soap or detergent is the best remedy, because the foam CUTS the FAT (that is why you have to rub so much: for 20 seconds or more, to make a lot of foam). By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down on its own.

HEAT melts fat; this is why it is so good to use water above 25 degrees Celsius for washing hands, clothes and everything. In addition, hot water makes more foam and that makes it even more useful.

Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% DISSOLVES ANY FAT, especially the external lipid layer of the virus.

Any mix with 1-part bleach and 5 parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaks it down from the inside.

Oxygenated water helps long after soap, alcohol and chlorine, because peroxide dissolves the virus protein, but you have to use it pure and it hurts your skin.

NO BACTERICIDE SERVES. The virus is not a living organism like bacteria; they cannot kill what is not alive with antibiotics, but quickly disintegrate its structure with everything said.

NEVER shake used or unused clothing, sheets or cloth. While it is glued to a porous surface, it is very inert and disintegrates only between 3 hours (fabric and porous), 4 hours (copper, because it is naturally antiseptic; and wood, because it removes all the moisture and does not let it peel off and disintegrates.), 24 hours (cardboard), 42 hours (metal) and 72 hours (plastic). But if you shake it or use a feather duster, the virus molecules float in the air for up to 3 hours, and can lodge in your nose.

The virus molecules remain very stable in external cold, or artificial as air conditioners in houses and cars. They also need moisture to stay stable, and especially darkness. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade it faster.

UV LIGHT on any object that may contain it breaks down the virus protein. For example, to disinfect and reuse a mask is perfect. Be careful, it also breaks down collagen (which is protein) in the skin, eventually causing wrinkles and skin cancer.

- The virus CANNOT go through healthy skin.
- Vinegar is NOT useful because it does not break down the protective layer of fat.
- NO SPIRITS, NOR VODKA, serve. The strongest vodka is 40% alcohol, and you need 65% LISTERINE IF IT SERVES! It is 65% alcohol.

The more confined the space, the more concentration of the virus there can be. The more open or naturally ventilated, the less you have to wash your hands before and after touching mucosa, food, locks, knobs, switches, remote control, cell phone, watches, computers, desks, TV, etc. And when using the bathroom, you have to HUMIDIFY HANDS DRY from so much washing them, because the molecules can hide in the micro cracks. The thicker the moisturizer, the better. Also keep your NAILS SHORT so that the virus does not hide there.

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I hope all families have a good weekend and enjoy spending quality time together.

Kind regards

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