

BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL
GRH MARG, DELHI-110060

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

24 March 2020

Dear Parent,

*No man is an island,
Entire of itself.
Each is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main....*

This extract from the poem, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, by the renowned metaphysical poet, John Donne, very appropriately portrays the present day grim reality that poses a challenge to the very existence of mankind itself.

The entire world is indeed in an unprecedented state of fear and suffering. The apparently simple but dreadful Corona virus, as we all are aware, knows no geographical boundaries or class/race distinctions. Striking in a stealthy manner, it can be fatal or futile in its impact, depending upon the individual immunity of its victims.

In India, a number of initiatives including issuing Advisories have been undertaken by the Central as well as the State government to contain the spread of this virus before the situation goes completely out of hand.

Considering that parents are the first teachers, and therefore, the role models for the children, I am confident that you must be following these Advisories, in all earnestness. Remaining within the confines of the home, practicing social distancing, following appropriate hand and face hygiene, protecting the elderly, are being suggested as the panacea to prevent the disastrous effects of the virus, Covid - 19. Let children emulate you in following these practices which shall stand them in good stead, even in future. Regarding the spread of this virus, it is well established and is being reiterated often, that one person's carelessness or casual approach can affect the lives of a multitude. Therefore, it is the need of the hour to inculcate the right attitudes of social responsibility and compassion in our impressionable children.

Let us undo the damage that ours and the previous generations may have caused to the well being of the planet earth. I urge, that we must all collaborate to make the world yet again, a safe haven for the present and future generations. For that let us, through personal examples, guide the future inheritors of this beautiful and unique planet, to behave with

kindnesses, selflessness, responsibility, and in a moral as well as ethical manner.. This would ensure perpetuation of the sound existence of the planet Earth, its various species including the Man himself, despite the fearsome Corona.

Let us neither panic nor forward unverified information on social media. However, let us pledge to adhere to the appropriate Advisories and prevent the spread of the virus...I look forward to the school reverberating with the music of the laughter of children, learning their lessons and participating in myriad activities. Together, we can, if we want - to reclaim our precious world from the Corona virus and save humanity.

Let us live and let live...

With warm regards and prayers for you and your family's good health and well being

Laksh Vir Sehgal

Principal