

Message to students

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In order to protect the health and wellbeing of everybody from the novel coronavirus, we have closed all the schools in Mie.

We know it is difficult not being able to see your friends, participate in club activities, or go to class, but please hang in there.

I'm sure that being at home all day might make you feel lonely or anxious about your studies or lack of exercise.

If you are worried about anything, please contact your teachers or ask your parent or guardian to help you.

Your teachers are always there for you, as well as your community.

As you start the new school year, your parents, guardians, community, and teachers will be doing everything they can to make sure you are safe.

○To parents and guardians:

- Always watch over your children.
- Make sure your children are washing their hands and following proper preventative measures.
- Also monitor your children's condition and measure their temperature regularly.
- Tell your children not to worry.
- Contact your school if you have questions or concerns.

○To neighbors:

- Keep an eye out for the children in your community.
- Reassure concerned children.
- Work together with everyone in your community to protect the children.

○To teachers:

- Do your best to understand what your students are going through and continue to support their studies and future plans.
- Maintain a close relationship and offer advice to your students and their parents and guardians.
- Work as a team with your colleagues, principals, counselors, and social workers.
- Come together as a community to support the children, cooperating with neighbors and afterschool care organizations.