



March 3, 2019

Dear Link community,

The health and well-being of our students and staff of utmost importance. With the global spread of Covid-19 (coronavirus disease), we are closely monitoring alerts from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and guidance posted by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). While this new virus has not yet impacted Link, we need to be vigilant, follow health protocols, and be prepared for any health emergency.

Please be assured that Link is taking protective measures to ensure the health of our students and staff while at school. We have enhanced daily cleaning and sanitizing of the school building, including, but not limited to, doors, doorknobs stair railings, bathroom fixtures, and other frequently handled/touched surfaces. We provide soap in all bathrooms and sanitizer and tissues in the classrooms. The nurses' office is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized daily. Additionally, we have spoken with students during Morning Circle about how to avoid contracting a virus and have posted signs in the bathrooms.

Our school nurse will, as usual, call parents when a student registers a fever or exhibits flu-like symptoms. It is imperative that the child be picked up within one hour of the nurse's call. Also, please keep a child who is ill home for at least 24 hours until he or she has been fever free or medication free for at least 24 hours. Please be considerate. These steps are crucial to the health of others in the school.

Here are some precautions that we hope you will share with your child, as we have, to help curb the spread of illness, including, potentially, COVID19:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Wash hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Get a flu shot – it's not too late to be protected
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects

To learn more about COVID-19 – its symptoms, precautions, treatment, progression, and more, please check the following links:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and staff safe and healthy so that we can maintain our robust academic program. We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen M. Hester".

Kathleen M. Hester
Principal