

Dear Parents and Students,

There are many reported cases of COVID infections in all areas of Japan every day. Tochigi Prefecture has announced 3<sup>rd</sup> "Emergency". Oyama City is also reporting infected people almost every day.

You students have been trying your best to do "what we can do now" within this new restricted school life since the last year's re-start. The positive way of spending the new school life was excellent. You have had tolerance, patience and also followed the rules. Please review and confirm what you have been doing for the infection control once again and let's cooperate with each other to keep the school safe and secure.

As for parents, please continue the infection control within the family. Please observe your children physically and mentally. If there are any worries, inform the school with no hesitation. Also, if there are any members of a family who are not feeling well, please make a cautious decision such as refraining from coming to school etc. This is if your child has no symptoms also.

Following is a request, once again. There are people who got infected even though they have been taking measures to prevent the infections. There are health care workers and their families who have been working very hard to save our lives. To have prejudice or discrimination, to bully or to slander are human rights violations and these acts are unacceptable. Please lead each family members so they will not be misled by incorrect, uncertain information and rumors etc. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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