

## K3 Important Notification

Tuesday September 5, 2017

Dear K3 Parents,

We would like to bring to your attention that we have been notified of 1 diagnosed case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) at the Kinder in the K3 Bluebirds class.

HFMD is a common viral infection which is easily passed from person to person particularly evident in children under the age of 10. The usual period from initial infection to the onset of signs and symptoms (incubation period) is **three to six days**. A fever is often the first sign of hand-foot-and-mouth disease, followed by a sore throat and sometimes a poor appetite and malaise. Symptoms include ulcers, or sores, inside or around the **mouth**, and a rash or blisters on the **hands, feet, legs, or buttocks**. Children diagnosed with HFMD need to stay home from Kinder until all the blisters have dried out.

If you suspect that your child has the illness, please consult your doctor for a confirmed diagnosis. Please advise the school should this be the case. Please ensure that your child rests at home until the blisters have dried out and they are feeling well.

Blessings,

**MECS Administration**