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“Every Child Can Learn... Every Child Must Learn”

Schools' Bulletin

**ATTENTION: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN AND PRINCIPALS
OF ALL PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS
AND BASIC SCHOOLS**

SUBJECT: COVID-19 - PARENTING TIPS

Dear Colleagues,

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information acknowledges the effects of the global pandemic (COVID-19) on schools across the world with nearly 1.4 billion children out of school and at home. As the Ministry continues its efforts through the implementation of the Education in Emergencies plan, we are cognizant that there may be increased levels of stress in the home environments, triggered by the added demands of home-schooling.

As we collaborate to protect our children, school administrators are being asked to encourage our teachers, parents and children to use the information provided via this link <https://www.covid19parenting.com/> to assist in coping with the many challenges being faced in this difficult period.

The messages provided in the above link were prepared through an innovative collaboration by Parenting for Lifelong Health, WHO, UNICEF, the US Centers for Disease Control, Internet of Good Things, USAID and the End Violence Partnership.

Please see below the topics of the documents targeting parents and caregivers:

- one-on-one time
- staying positive
- creating a daily routine
- avoiding bad behaviour
- managing stress and
- talking about COVID-19

The National Parenting Support Commission remains available to all parents and may be contacted via telephone at 876 382-8606 or via email at kaysia.kerr@moey.gov.jm

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