

Message from the Principal, Dr. Graham's Homes to the DGH BOM Chairperson

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Dear Ma'am,

Greetings from all of us currently at the Homes. I write this mail to give you an update of the current position and situation. We are all very well by the grace of God.

I am in regular touch with all concerned. Though every advisory maintains that isolation is the key, it is not possible to oversee the functioning of Dr. Graham's Homes confined to Jubilee. I do daily visits of the SMC and as much of the campus possible. We have meetings and review meetings to monitor and assess the situation continuously. As far as food is concerned there are enough stocks of dry rations. For fresh supplies like vegetable and fish the Department is managing locally.

Initially, there was a scarcity of medical supplies all over, but this has now eased off. I have blocked specific articles at different medical outlets such as medical soap, liquid Dettol, liquid disinfectant solution and surgical masks. These will be available to us as and when required. For the time being we have sufficient stock of the same. It is heartening to note that the North Bengal Medical College has been declared a testing facility and the hospital at Rambhi, which lies between Kalimpong and Siliguri has been earmarked as the designated Isolation facility.

All the children are well and happy. The food being served to them is very good under the prevailing circumstances. All our teachers are interacting with the students online and so the academic aspect is also being taken care of.

Prior to the lockdown those parents who wished to take their children home were granted permission. Currently we have 55 supported boys and 51 supported girls who are on the campus at Dr. Graham's Homes. 32 supported boys and 34 supported girls went home with their parents.

We will be sending a comprehensive and classified list of names and relevant details, the network willing.

We continue to pray for all that God will see us all through these extremely trying times.

Under the lockdown religious gatherings have been banned. However, we continue with cottage worship on Sunday between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. We maintain a uniform reading and our worship sessions are going well.

Will be in touch regularly with all good wishes.

Regards,

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