



**HAPPY  
SCHOOLS!**



**International Day of Happiness: 20 March 2021**

## Background

Since last late March to April 2020, over 84% of enrolled learners in 163 countries across the world have experienced school closures due to the Coronavirus 19 crisis. Governments and ministries have prepared alternative delivery models, through mediums such as TV, radio, and online tools. Teachers have had to adjust to new technologies, teaching tools and teaching methods to deliver lessons for their learners. Key education stakeholders, such as parents, guardians, and the community, have played increasingly important roles in supporting and facilitating the learning for students. And, when schools have reopened for in-class learning, schools had had to ensure the readiness of the school environment to be safe for students and school staff. The shift from regular school setting to online learning platforms, to ensure that learning continues, has been a 'new learning normal' for many.

Despite these many challenges, both in-school and out of school settings, the whole school community including parents and communities have had to adjust to the new reality. How is the overall education community coping with the COVID-19 tension and stress? And how to ensure effective and quality learning when mental health and well-being are fragile and not safeguarded?

To celebrate the International Day of Happiness on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and following the theme of this year: **"Keep Calm. Stay wise. Be kind."**, the Happy Schools Project team at UNESCO Bangkok would like to hear from you. **'How have you maintained your happiness & well-being in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic?'**

### Who can participate in this campaign?

- Open to all school community and education stakeholders including, school management, teachers, school staff, students, parents, etc.

### How to share your experiences?

- Submit a journal entry with photo(s), up to 200 words, [HERE](#)
- Deadline of submission: **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

### Where will the journal go?

- The Happy Schools Project team at UNESCO Bangkok office will feature up to 12 selected inspirational stories on its official website, as well as social media and share widely in public.

For more information about the Happy Schools Project, please visit:

<https://bangkok.unesco.org/theme/happy-schools>

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