



Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development
Radio Broadcast Series 61

ITEMS	KEY MESSAGE	EMPHASIS
1. Update for Schools following the second four cases of COVID-19	<p><u>To All Education Authorities and All Schools in Honiara</u></p> <p>Following the declaration by the Prime Minister of the second four cases of COVID-19, the Ministry of Education maintains its position, therefore issues the following advisory to all Education Authorities and Schools in the Honiara Emergency Zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Do not panic. Always listen and follow advice from the relevant and responsible government authorities, such as the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Oversight Committee, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education (ii) Schools in the Honiara City boundary including SINU and USP Campuses, Technical Vocational Centres, and schools located in Guadalcanal province up to Alligator Creek in the east and up to Poha river in the west are to remain open. (iii) Schools in Honiara must activate their Incidental Standard Operating Procedures (ISOPs), and implement COVID-19 safety measures including: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no handshaking - enforce social and physical distancing - avoid crowded areas - washing of hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds - use of hand sanitizers - coughing into elbow - wearing of simple facemasks in public places <p>(iv) Suspend all daily and weekly big gatherings such as school assemblies, sports and so on.</p>	
2. ECE Centres & PPY Classes to resume	<p><u>To ECE Supervisors, ECE Teachers, PPY Teachers in the Honiara Emergency Zone</u></p> <p>After reviewing the current situation of COVID-19, and given the management and containment of the cases in isolation and quarantine centres, we have decided for the ECE Centres and PPY classes in the Honiara Emergency Zone to resume classes as soon as possible.</p> <p>You are therefore expected to resume classes as of Monday 2nd November 2020</p>	
3. New Education Management Information System (OpenSIEMIS)	<p><u>To All School Leaders</u></p> <p>The Ministry of Education is in a transition to use the new Education Management Information System (called OpenSIEMIS). The new system requires school leaders to provide correct and accurate</p>	

	<p>information about student enrolment. Therefore, we kindly remind school leaders always provide correct names of students.</p> <p>We have already observed that some schools provide different names for the same class in each year. Some schools provide wrong student names for the same class.</p>	
4. School Grants	<p><u>To School Principals and Head Teachers</u></p> <p>Be informed that the second 50% of the second biannual grant for 2020 has already been processed and it is now at the Ministry of Finance and Treasury (MOFT).</p> <p>Primary Schools and Secondary Schools that are registered to begin operation this year (2020) – if you have just provided your bank accounts, we have paid your first and second biannual grants in full. If you are yet to submit your bank accounts, submit them to the grants unit as soon as possible. Failure to submit your bank accounts will result in your school not receiving grants for 2020.</p>	
5. Year 7 application for 2021 Checklist	<p><u>To all EAs, Head Teachers and Parents</u></p> <p>This is to inform you that every National and Provincial Secondary schools have their own Year 7 application forms. Consult EAs of NSSs and PSSs for their Year 7 application forms so that your Year 6 pupils</p>	

	<p>can use the appropriate Year 7 application forms. These Year 7 application forms are with respective EAs. The same application forms were used in 2019.</p> <p>It is very important to fill the Forms properly and ensure that the following 'Checklists' are satisfied and provided;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Signed application forms ii. Student's Year 6 assessment results iii. Copy of school reports iv. Reference letters v. Medical report - Not required unless it is necessary to support the need for the child to be at that school of his/her first choice. 	
<p>6. Self-Appraisal for all Teachers</p>	<p><u>To: All School Leaders in Schools – Principals, Head Teachers and Supervisors</u></p> <p>Conduct Self Appraisals (SA) for all school probationers in your schools. This Self-Appraisal must be conducted and completed before the end of Term 4 2020. Send Teachers completed Report to your provincial center.</p> <p>School Leaders who are unsure and having difficulties with sections of the Teachers-Appraisal forms are advised to seek assistance from your respective Provincial School Inspectors. Leave no probationer behind.</p>	

<p>7. Shifting of Tuesday MEHRD Radio Programme</p>	<p><u>To: Education Authorities, Teachers and the Public</u></p> <p>Be informed that our Tuesday MEHRD radio programme has been shifted to Thursday 5.30pm and repeated at 7.05am Friday. This program will be a MEHRD interactive and dialogue program, which will feature important issues activities in a dialogue/interactive form. Our Sunday program remains for our weekly announcements and key messages.</p>	
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