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Dasho Dzongdas/Thrompoens,
All Dzongkhags/Thromde Administration.

Sub: Advisory note

Dashos,

With the onset of the monsoon season from June to September and long summer break for the schools, the Ministry of Education would like to request all the Dashos to kindly inform the DEOs/TEOs in respective Dzongkhags/Thromdes on the safety measures to be undertaken by the students, staff and their family due to very high risk posed by heavy and continuous rain across the country.

Safeguarding and protecting the lives of children and education staff is the priority of the Ministry of Education. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, the Ministry of Education would like to request Dashos to instruct the DEOs/TEOs the following to minimise the risk to the staff and the students:

1. To clearly brief all the students, staff and their family members **NOT** to go to *riversides/streams* for swimming or picnic;
2. To remind all schools, students and parents to **TAKE CARE** and ensure all young children are accompanied by either older siblings or family during such situations;
3. To avoid all unnecessary travels and incase unavoidable to take **EXTREME CAUTION** as every life is valuable;
4. To advise the staff and students on **PREVAILING HAZARDS** such as earthquake, floods, landslides, fire, storms (wind, thunder, hail), lightening and wild animals;
5. To remind the staff and students to **PROTECT** and **PREVENT** themselves from the falling hazards;
6. Ensure **SAFE** drinking water.

In case of any event of emergency in the schools, kindly contact Mr. Pem Tshering at dmu@moe.gov.bt or 17646722, Disaster Focal Officer of Ministry of Education.

Yours sincerely,

(Karma Tshering)
Director General



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1. The PA to His Excellency *Sherig Lyonpo* for his Excellency's kind information.
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