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### NOTIFICATION ON RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS

In line with the re-opening announcement of the schools from the office of Hon'ble Prime Minister on June 19, 2020, the Ministry of Education would like to inform the schools (both Government and Private) that all students studying in classes X and XII will resume the academic session starting from July 1, 2020. Schools will follow Prioritized Curriculum as prescribed in the "Education in Emergency (EiE) Adapted and Prioritized Curriculum Guidelines" for Key Stages IV and V respectively.

Students studying in classes VII, VIII, IX and XI will resume in the subsequent phases which the Ministry will inform the schools based on the decisions of the Government. Until the schools reopen, students will continue to follow the Adapted Curriculum and the lessons delivered through BBS, SIM, Radio, Google Classroom and other social media platforms. But once they resume the schools, they will follow Prioritized Curriculum as prescribed in Key Stages of III, IV and V.

However, students of Pre-Primary (PP) to class VI will not undergo campus education and therefore the schools will remain closed for this academic year. This is considering the fact that in the event of local transmission, children of lower classes are at higher risk due to their inability to understand and follow the COVID-19 safety and preventive protocols. Therefore, students will continue to learn through the Adapted Curriculum delivered through BBS, SIM, Radio and other social media such as WeChat, Telegram, Messenger, etc.

Similarly, NFE and CLC will also open from July 1, 2020 and continue to follow their adapted lessons as per the planned schedule. While ECCD centers will continue to remain closed, children's meaningful engagement will be continued through the social media platform coordinated by the concerned Facilitators.

Till end of June 2020, the main objective of EiE is to keep students engaged in learning but beginning July 2020 students' assessment on key learning areas will be introduced for certification and promotion to higher grades. For classes X and XII, there will be Board Examination on the Prioritized Curriculum conducted by BCSEA and rest of the classes will be assessed on the Adapted Curriculum prescribed by Royal Education Council.

In order to implement the EiE curriculum effectively and on time, we expect all the teachers teaching classes X and XII to report to their respective schools by June 29, 2020. However, teachers teaching other levels and school staff presently on De-suung duty need not report to the



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schools until further notice. We must not forget that while we address the educational priorities of our nation's future and children, the National Security, Safety, Health and Well-being of our people remains the topmost priority.

For smooth resumption of the schools, all boarder students can report to the respective schools i.e. class X on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 and class XII on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 whereas the day students can report on the morning of July 1, 2020 to minimize crowding. Further, all schools must strictly follow the guidelines for re-opening of schools prepared by the Ministry of Education as per the general guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health. A copy of the guidelines is available on the Sherig website at [www.education.gov.bt](http://www.education.gov.bt)

This Notification is being issued to facilitate the reopening of the schools and would come into immediate effect.

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