

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXTERNAL**  
**CIRCULAR NO. OF 12 2020**

Ministry of Education and Training  
P.O. Box 47  
MASERU 100  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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TO: ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

COPY: MOET SENIOR MANAGERS  
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES (CHURCH SCHOOLS)  
SUPERVISOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS  
REGIONAL INSPECTORS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - ECOL  
DISTRICT EDUCATION MANAGERS (ALL DISTRICTS)

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**MEASURES TAKEN FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN  
SCHOOLS-2020**

The Ministry wants to bring to your attention that, on its sitting on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at 08:30hrs, the Cabinet resolved that:

1. All schools in Lesotho including Pre-schools, Primary, Secondary, High Schools, TVET and Tertiary Institutions will close with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 until the 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. All schools (church, community, private and government) shall resume classes on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, the earliest possible time; pending the status of the scaling up of the epidemic.
2. All children attending public primary schools in Lesotho will be fed, since the Ministry of Education and Training is cognizant of the disadvantaged learners to whom one meal at school constitutes the only nutritious meal available to them. The Ministry thus directs that meals shall continue to be provided to all the primary school children under Free Primary Education during the moratorium period. The principals are advised to draw feeding schedules that

will allow the learners to eat at different intervals to limit crowding. Also note that the Ministry of Health nurses will leverage and educate learners about the preventive measures against this epidemic during this trying time.

3. Sports/games should be suspended forthwith until further notice.
4. School trips/tours should be suspended with immediate effect until further notice.

Yours sincerely,



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