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Fundi: school bag handover (Cape Town)

**Fundi gives 1 000 Cape Town learners a reason to smile**

*As learners continue returning to school under Level One and prepare for their final term, many are still in need of the same practical assistance they required before lockdown. This includes new school bags. This week, Fundi stepped into this gap – surprising and delighting over 1 000 pupils at five schools in Cape Town with their very own brand-new backpacks.*

Children at Chatsworth Primary, Naphakade Primary, Sinithemba Secondary, Thembani Primary and Yomelela Primary arrived at school this week to find brand new backpacks waiting for them – courtesy of Fundi. Part of the edutech company’s #ChallengeAccepted CSI initiative, the five backpack handovers build on several others which took place before lockdown started, which have seen over 2 000 children across the country walking a little taller and prouder.

“As many learners grapple with their new Covid-19 school routines and realities, we wanted to remind them to stay focused on their studies – and futures – and support them during this challenging time,” says Mala Suriah, CMO of Fundi. “This week’s handovers have helped us to do just that.”

She explains that the five beneficiary schools were identified in collaboration with renowned social enterprise Partners for Possibility (PfP) to ensure that the bags reached children in real need. “For many of these learners, this will be their first proper school bag – replacing the plastic bags or makeshift bags they have been using until now. This means they’ll be able to take better care of their books and stationery too, which we want to encourage.”

With schools in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and Mpumalanga already having received backpacks before lockdown, the Fundi CSI team is thrilled that they can continue rolling out the initiative. Similar donations will be made in other provinces before the year is out so that pupils can be assisted before the end of the fourth term.

“Because so many learners have been impacted negatively by Covid-19, it’s more important than ever before that corporates and individuals do as much as we can to help counter what has been lost. We’re wanting to inspire hope and bring new motivation to each of these learners through our backpack initiative, and thank Partners for Possibility for assisting us to create this.”

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