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**MEDIA RELEASE
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SUBJECT: RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS WITHIN THE NAMIBIA COVID-19 STAGES OF RESTRICTION

On the 30th of April 2020, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia, Dr Hage G. Geingob, announced the Namibia Covid-19 four stages of restriction.

In accordance with the pronouncement, all staff members of the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture have to report to their respective duty stations on Tuesday, 5th of May 2020. This includes all head office and regional office staff.

In terms of Schools:

The Ministry is cognisant that some school staff, due to the lockdown, still need to travel back to their respective duty stations. Principals, teachers, administrative staff, institutional workers and hostel staff are expected to physically report to their schools during the period 6th to 11th of May 2020. No staff member may report to their schools later than 11th May 2020.

All Schools are directed to use Quarter 2, to prepare and implement Preparedness and Response Plans with due regard of World Health Organisation COVID-19 protocols. This period, until the return of learners to schools, will also be used for the planning and implementation of continued learning as well as teacher capacity development.

Schools will re-open on the 3rd of August 2020 with the resumption of Quarter 3 with all learners returning to schools simultaneously. Continued efforts are geared towards ensuring the health and safety of staff members at all duty stations. Further guidelines will be issued in due course.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude towards all our staff members who diligently and with a strong sense of purpose and unity, worked from home during the lockdown.

Yours sincerely,


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