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*"Every Child Can Learn... Every Child Must Learn"*

# Schools' Bulletin

**ATTENTION: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN AND PRINCIPALS  
OF ALL PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

**SUBJECT: PHASED RESUMPTION OF FACE TO FACE ENGAGEMENT AT PRIMARY  
AND INFANT SCHOOLS – AGES 6-12 YEARS**

**Dear Colleagues,**

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI) wishes to advise our stakeholders that approval has been granted for the phased resumption of face to face instruction in some of our primary level institutions.

In this phase and as guided by the *MoEYI's Risk Ranking Analysis*, 376 small primary/primary and infant schools across the island have been selected to offer face to face instructions by **November 8, 2021**. This includes those schools with 3 or less streams of classes in each grade, an enrolment of 630 or less and are currently occupying 80% or less of their capacity. Please see the attached list of schools approved to include face to face learning at this time.

However, before face to face instructions can be offered by these schools, administrators are required to:

1. Obtain a satisfactory institutional health inspection and COVID-19 compliant approval report from the Ministry of Health and Wellness for this new academic year. See Bulletin 167 for guidance on how to proceed with the re-inspection.
2. Engage their parents in consultation to arrive at a consensus on start date for in-person learning, which should give parents adequate time to prepare the students for in-person learning. Consultation can be done virtually or in small groups as per the guidelines of the Disaster Risk Management Act.
3. Submit to the Regional Office a copy of the satisfactory health reports and a letter signed by the Board Chairman indicating the extent of the parent consultation and the proposed start date for face to face engagement. The letter should also outline the schedule for in-person learning including the approach to be used – whole day or rotational. Where the COVID-19 protocols allow, all the students should be accommodated daily. However, where this is not possible, please ensure that each year group is given at least two days of in-person learning each week.
4. The Region in consultation with the Planning and Development Division and the Schools' Operations and Improvement Services Branch, will provide written approval for the commencement of face to face instruction. The Region will also provide monitoring support as is customary.

For additional information and queries, please contact the Regional Office or the assigned Education Officer.

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