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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES, TERTIARY EDUCATION  
AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

**Communiqué**

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**Covid 19 confinement – Maintaining access to learning for Secondary School Students**

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The Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology wishes to inform the education stakeholders and the public in general that it is making necessary arrangements to ensure learning from home during the current national CoViD-19 confinement. The following measures are accordingly being taken in respect of the secondary sub-sector.

1. A large amount of resources is already available for Grades 7 to 9 on the Student Support Programme (SSP) portal. These lessons will also be broadcast on the MBC TV channels.
2. For Grades 10 to 13, the Ministry informs that Educators of State and Private Secondary Schools are to conduct classes, as per their normal timetable, through Zoom or other appropriate videoconferencing platform.
3. Logins will also be prepared and issued to Educators of all State and Private Secondary Schools for the Microsoft Teams content-sharing platform. To this effect, they will have to provide their contact details on an online portal that the Ministry is putting on the Ministry's website at <http://ministry-education.govmu.org>. Educators will then have to contact their respective students, preferably through responsible parties, by mobile phone or email, to invite them to join live classes that they will conduct and provide contents that they will share under Microsoft Teams. Please note that students will not require logins for Microsoft Teams. Videos will be uploaded on the Ministry's website and aired on the MBC TV to sensitize Educators and students on the procedures and good practices in using the Zoom and Microsoft Teams online platforms.
4. Moreover, to further assist classes of Grades 10 to 13, the Ministry has compiled on its website a list of useful links and apps that can be used by Educators and their students. These resources may be used to complement teaching and learning through digital media.
5. A helpdesk has been set up by email on [moesupport@moemu.org](mailto:moesupport@moemu.org) to assist schools that may have further queries specifically on the technical aspects of using the platforms.

Managers of Private Secondary Schools and Rectors of State Secondary Schools should retrieve contact details of students (Grade 10-13)/Responsible Parties and communicate same to their teaching staff. This will enable Educators to initiate communication with their students. To this effect, the Ministry will facilitate obtention of Work Access Permits to Heads of Schools for them to have access to their institutions. Heads of School should submit their details and those of two staff of their choice, as per pro-forma which has been sent to all schools, to enable them to have their Work Access Permits.

Heads of Schools should follow up closely on the implementation of the above actions and ensure that their students are connecting with their Educators, with online classes being then held.

The Ministry relies on the usual collaboration of one and all.

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