

## **PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCHOOLS ACROSS SIERRA LEONE WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19**

Following State House Press Release on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 restricting '**Public gatherings of more than One Hundred (100) persons**' the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education recommends the following actions by **ALL SCHOOLS** across Sierra Leone with immediate effect:

1. Suspension of School Assemblies and Devotions until further notice;
2. Splitting of Classes of more than 100 learners: While the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education has, over the last couple of years and with the advent of Free Quality School focused on decongesting classrooms, there may be a few schools with 100 or more students in class. Therefore, all schools with classes of that size should, with immediate effect, institute measures to split the classes in compliance with State House Press Release
3. All schools' sporting events and Thanksgivings, that have the tendency to attract more than 100 persons, are also suspended until further notice

All other activities within Schools will continue as normal until further advised. As precautionary measures, schools must continue using the Schools Safety Protocols already activated. These include handwashing in schools, monitoring of temperatures and isolating children with high fever.

Teaching and other staff members with similar symptoms are also advised to stay away from school.

All parents are advised to keep sick children at home, particularly those coughing and with high fever.

Community members are invited to support their schools with buckets, soaps and other items where needed by schools to strengthen school preparedness and the safety of our children.

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