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To: All Schools: State and Non-State

From: Mr Stephen Cachia, Director General

Subject: **Teaching and Learning until the end of the Scholastic Year**

Dear Colleagues

Online teaching is proceeding positively during this third term. The Working Group, set up by the Ministry for Education and Employment with representatives from the State, Church and Independent Sectors and the Malta Union of Teachers, would like to once again thank all educators including Principals, Heads of School, Education Officers, Assistant Heads of School, Heads of Department, Teachers, Student Services grades, Kindergarten Educators and Learning Support Educators, for all their commitment and dedication to keep on providing the online service being given to students.

The Working Group would also like to thank parents and guardians for their important and crucial input to ensure that online teaching takes place as well as all students who continue to engage with online learning.

Following further discussions within the Working Group, please note the following points:

- Online teaching will continue to take place until the last school day in June originally declared in the respective school's calendar. Educators shall carry out consolidation and revision work during the period normally dedicated to assessment.
- In order to keep a focus on teaching and learning until the end of the scholastic year and given the present circumstances, no examinations, reports or other forms of formal assessment will take place in June for the compulsory and pre-compulsory education sector.
- Educators will be on duty as per their normal working hours applicable for June and any remaining working days there may be in July in compliance with the school's calendar.

The Working Group would like to remind all educators that support on the use of digital tools for online teaching and learning are available through <http://digitalliteracy.skola.edu.mt>

A support helpline is also available at 25981000.

Educational resources for all Year groups are available for educators, parents and students on **teleskola.mt** or www.curriculum.gov.mt

Teleskola TV is also being transmitted as a 20 minute programme twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3.30 p.m. on TVM2.

While thanking once again all stakeholders for their hard work and co-operation during this challenging time, we look forward to starting the new scholastic year in September in a manner much closer to the way in which we all would like schools to operate. Further directions about the new scholastic year will be given in due course by the relevant authorities.

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