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To: All Schools: State and Non-State

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Subject: **Developing online teaching and learning further**

Dear Colleagues

The Working Group set up by the Ministry for Educational and Employment in light of the current closure of all schools has continued its work. The group's remit is to explore methods of online teaching during this period as well as to explore the impact of the present situation on the delivery of the curriculum.

The guidelines issued by the working group have enabled the third term to continue with online teaching proceeding in a positive manner within schools.

The working group has now agreed that schools should now be able to build a clear picture of the online teaching which is taking place, particularly the extent to which the various syllabi are being covered. This will enable work to be done to start looking at the coming scholastic year and the impact the present situation will have on teaching and learning then. This is not being carried out to scrutinise further the work of educators.

For this reason, all teachers are being requested to send to their Head of School a copy of their scheme of work at the start of each month and a week by week record of work by the end of each respective month as adapted to the present situation. This provision shall start as from Monday 11th May 2020.

Teachers should use the format they have always used for their schemes and record of work, adapting them to the present circumstances and indicating the online medium which is being used to communicate with students.

Once again, the Working Group would like to thank all educators for the excellent work which is being carried out during these challenging times.

Educational resources remain available at www.curriculum.gov.mt while support in the use of digital technology for online teaching is available at <http://digitalliteracy.skola.edu.mt>.

As from Monday 27th April 2020 a new, more user-friendly website, has now been launched teleskola.mt. To date, the website has over 1200 lesson activities for all year groups and subjects. The website will continue to be updated with more material on a regular basis.

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