



## General

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

# Schools' Bulletin

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

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR  
2019/2020**

**Dear Colleagues,**

Further to bulletin 68/2020 regarding Extension of the Easter Holiday School Closure, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI) wishes to advise our stakeholders that under the Disaster Risk Management Act (Enforcement Measures) (No. 6) Order 2020:

- ***Every educational institution, as defined in the Education Act, shall remain closed until the end of September 6, 2020.***

However, schools will continue to operate using the emergency remote teaching approach: **distance learning/home-schooling** to ensure the continuation of the teaching and learning process.

To support the teaching and learning process during the period of physical school closure, the Ministry has reengaged its educational partners. Therefore, all the learning resources, programmes and initiatives will continue up to the end of the academic year 2019/220:

- Printing services are available in each region to support the preparation of printed materials, especially for those who may have challenges accessing the internet.
- Printed Learning Kits are available at the Regional Offices.
- The PEP hotline remains active to support questions related to PEP and other areas of education. (See contact list at the end of the bulletin) Psychosocial support is also available via this facility.
- Numerous resources uploaded to the Ministry's and PEP Websites.
- List of digital resources that were shared in bulletin # 53/2020
- TVJ live and rebroadcast lessons will continue to include lessons aligned to the CSEC, CAPE and City and Guilds syllabi entitled "School's not Out". Lessons are scheduled weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and rebroadcast of the lessons on Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Live and rebroadcast lessons will continue on Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica (PBCJ). Please see the appended updated schedule.
- Radio education will continue in partnership with our national and local community radio stations.

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- Online lessons are available on the One on One Learning Management System effective March 26, 2020 for Grades 1 - 13. Please see the schedule outlined in Bulletin #58/2020
- Online resources for Grade levels 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 are accessible from some of our educational partners via the following links:
  1. Book Fusion- <https://www.bookfusion.com/>
  2. Learning Hub - <https://learninghub.online/>
  3. EduFocal - <https://www.edufocal.com/>
  4. CHEETAH - <http://www.mydreamcheetah.net/pep.html>
- City and Guilds SmartScreen, which is a tutorial support tool specifically, designed for English Skills #3850 and Math Skills #3850 is accessible to all students. Drop-box links with support materials in the form of eight (8) sets each of specimen papers and relevant mark schemes for Math and English each across all three (3) stages of Math and English Skills #3850, are also available. Please see the following links to access the drop boxes for Math Skills, English Skills and Customer Service below:
  1. [City & Guilds Math Skills Stage 1 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
  2. [City & Guilds Math Skills Stage 2 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
  3. [City & Guilds Math Skills Stage 3 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
  4. [City & Guilds English Skills Stage 1 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
  5. [City & Guilds English Skills Stage 2 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
  6. [City & Guilds English Skills Stage 3 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)

In addition to all the above, the Ministry in partnership with e-Learning Jamaica will be distributing tablets as per the arrangement under the Tablet in Infant and Primary Schools Project (TIIPS). Forty thousand tablets will be distributed by June 2020 across all 6 regions. The Ministry will also procure an additional 7000 tablets to reduce the gaps in the education system.

To address the inequities imposed by telecommunication infrastructural challenges, the Ministry has also partnered with ReadyTV to provide internet access to 238 schools and surrounding communities. One hundred (100) schools and their surrounding communities will be provided with internet service in the first phase of the project, funded by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information. While this is being implemented, the Ministry through the efforts of the Jamaica Teaching Council has provided a roving internet hotspot service in all six regions for the benefit of those without internet access. Schools and their surrounding communities are provided with internet access on a shared schedule in support of the emergency remote teaching process.

Pursuant to bulletin # 59/2020 regarding Extended School Closure, please note that the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) will continue to provide cash grants to all beneficiaries of the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) for the duration of school closure. The cash grants will be paid to parents by the MLSS in early **May 2020** and **June 2020**.

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School Administrators may reference the Educational Administration in Emergency Guidelines for additional information concerning the operations of their institution during this period of closure. A copy of the Risk Management Order and the guidelines has been attached for ease of reference.

The usual summer break will commence July 6 - August 31, 2020.

The Ministry remains cognizant of the major adjustments and sacrifices consistently being made by all our stakeholders to ensure that no child is left behind amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. We value, applaud and encourage all efforts to forge partnerships, to provide positive influence, moral guidance and care to build the resilience of our education system to ensure that no child is left behind. For additional information and support, please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
Mrs. Allison Cooke-Hawthorne	One	876 402-5468
Miss Janet Brimm	Two	876 564 -7168
Mrs. Sophia Forbes – Hall	Three	876 883-4698
Dr. Michelle Pinnock	Four	876 460-1168
Dr. Nadine Leachman	Five	876 425-5505
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