



NATURAL SCIENCES_ SENIOR PHASE_ MWAZVITA CHIKOPO_ 15-07-2022

TO: Teachers and Learners.

TOPIC: BUILDING BACK BETTER IN EDUCATION AFTER THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

MESSAGE OBJECTIVE(S):

PARENT ENGAGEMENT: Forging stronger, more trusting relationships between parents and teachers.

MESSAGE:

The coronavirus pandemic has put the topic of engagement with parents and families at the centre of education debates, parents are powerful allies in their children's learning.

Here are some ways of partnering with parents and families that can provide support to children's learning in and out of school:

- Real time support e.g. daily WhatsApp or text messages and weekly phone calls to provide real-time information and guidance to any parent with concerns or information requests about their children's education.
- Schools can create a family hotline to help provide parents and families with guidance and resources to assist with their children's learning.
- Development of videos and digital worksheets that can be distributed to all parents through WhatsApp. These materials will assist parents to have a clear understanding of the tasks their children should do at home; this can also include some WhatsApp assessments.
- A weekly math problem sent to parents by text message followed up with a weekly 15–20-minute phone call to ask about the math problem and then discuss it.

When a respectful relationship between parents, teachers, families, and schools is at the centre of engagement activities, powerful support to children's learning can occur. Schools should invite families to be allies in their children's learning by using easy-to-understand information communicated through mechanisms that adapt to parents' schedules and that provide parents with an active role.

NECT DIGITAL PLATFORMS:

- ✓ Gr 12 learner support:
<https://www.wozamatrics.co.za>
- ✓ Gr r-11 learner support:
<https://www.tswelopele.org.za>

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