



Republic of Zimbabwe

MINISTRY OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

STATEMENT ON THE DEFERRED RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS

29 July 2020

The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education would like to advise its valued stakeholders that the Government deferred the re-opening of schools until further notice owing to the prevailing situation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Government has also availed funds for the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) as preparations for the reopening of schools continue. All public schools that include Government, local and not-for-profit mission schools will benefit from the PPEs.

The Ministry would like to reiterate that all schools should remain closed unless Government directs otherwise. Any school that defies the order to remain closed during this lockdown period shall be in violation of the law and appropriate action will be taken.

The Ministry is giving priority to the health and safety of our pupils and teachers and is working on alternative teaching and learning models in order to continue to provide quality and inclusive education during the current lockdown.