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All Provincial Secretaries of Education,
All Provincial Directors of Education,
All Zonal Directors of Education,
Deputy / Assistant Directors of Education in-charge of Education Divisions,
All Principals of schools with primary classes,

Implementation of the New Curriculum for Grade Five from Year 2020

With the intention of further strengthening the Primary Education Reforms implemented from year 1998 and Primary Education Modernization Programme implemented from year 2007, the curriculum, Teachers' Guides, Text Books and Work Books currently using for Grade five have been revised with effect from year 2020. Accordingly, the paras 1,6,7,8 and 10 of the Circular No 2008/49 of 05.12.2008 issued under Primary Education Reforms will be revised as follows and this Circular will be effective from 01.01.2020.

- I. No 1 – The revised curriculum should be implemented in Grade five from year 2020.
- II. No 6,7 & 8 – The revised curriculum and Teachers' Guides should be implemented for Grade five from year 2020 in place of the currently used curriculum and Teachers' Guides.
- III. No 10 – Text Books and Work Books compiled by the Educational Publications Department for Grade five in accordance with this new curriculum should be implemented from year 2020.

In addition, new instructions will be included as follows in paras 12 and 13 to the Circular No 2008/49 issued 05.12.2008.

- 12 Student progress should be evaluated using the Assessment Tools relevant to the new curriculum implemented from year 2020. Implementation of the required learning competencies of the third major stage should be implemented in accordance with the instructions of the Teachers' Guide newly introduced to the third major stage.
- 13 In implementation of the curriculum newly introduced to Grade five, assigning of home work should be minimal. It is further emphasized that assigning homework on weekdays should be only on essential circumstances while assigning home work on weekends should also be occasional.



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