



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Resumption of  
Basic Education Schools Calendar**

**RE-OPENING OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Pursuant to the Presidential Directive issued during the **Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) Presidential Address to the Nation on the Coronavirus Pandemic** on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, and following broad-based education stakeholder consultations; the **Ministry of Education** notifies the public that the progressive re-opening of schools will commence with **Grade 4 (Competency Based Curriculum Class), Class 8 and Form 4** on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**.

The specifics of the same are as follows:

<b>Revised 2020 School Calendar for Examination Candidates and Grade 4 Learners</b>				
	<b>Grade/Class/Form</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Grade 4, Class 8 & Form 4	12/10/2020	23/12/2020	11 Weeks
<b>Holiday</b>	Grade 4, Class 8 & Form 4	24/12/2020	01/01/2021	1 Week
<b>Term 3</b>	Grade 4, Class 8 & Form 4	04/01/2021	19/03/2021	11 Weeks
<b>KCPE</b>	Class 8	22/03/2021	24/03/2021	3 Days
<b>KCSE</b>	Form 4	25/03/2021	16/04/2021	3 Weeks 2 Days
<b>Exam Marking</b>	KCSE	19/04/2021	07/05/2021	3 Weeks



**All schools** will be required to strictly adhere to the following COVID-19 protocols and guidelines:

1. Mandatory use of face masks, monitoring of the body temperature for all learners, staff and all other persons accessing the schools, handwashing and observance of high levels of hygiene. Where there is no running water, schools will use sanitizers;
2. Although physical distancing will remain a challenge, it should not be used as a bottleneck to keep any child away from school;
3. All schools that had been used as quarantine centres have been fumigated under the supervision of the Ministry of Health in readiness for re-opening;
4. All schools that had been designated as quarantine centres but not used, need not be fumigated prior to their re-opening;
5. All schools have been linked to the nearest public health facility prior to being re-opened;
6. All teachers are encouraged to continuously provide psychosocial and spiritual support to learners and school support staff during the duration of the current pandemic; and
7. Boards of Management/ Principals/ Head-Teachers shall ensure full compliance with the guidelines and protocols issued by the Ministry of Health.



8. The Government thanks parents/guardians/care givers for their patience and resilience in supporting learners' welfare during the COVID-19 period. The parents/guardians/care givers of learners in **Grade 4 (CBC Class), Class 8 and Form 4** are now encouraged to prepare their children for resumption of learning on **12<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.
9. The Government has already met the full costs of the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations for **ALL** candidates.

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, will continuously monitor adherence to '*Guidelines on Health and Safety Protocols for Reopening of Basic Education Institutions amid COVID-19 Pandemic*' in order to determine when to re-open for all other learners in primary and secondary schools.

The Ministry of Education will immediately issue a comprehensive circular on re-opening of all public and private schools.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Magotha'.

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**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**