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RESUMPTION OF LEARNING IN BASIC EDUCATION LEARNING INSTITUTIONS IN JANUARY 2021

During his November 12, 2020 State of the Nation address, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta directed the Ministry of Education, in consultation with all stakeholders, to inform Kenyans on the dates for resumption of studies within 14 days.

In compliance with the directive, the Ministry of Education has today met with all stakeholders to deliberate on the current preparedness for full resumption of learning of all learners in all basic education learning institutions on January 4th, 2021.

Today's meeting reached consensus on the following key milestone dates:

- 1. All schools will reopen fully on January 4th 2021. This will apply to all continuing PP1 & 2; Grade 1, 2 and 3; Class 5, 6 and 7; and Form 1, 2 and 3 learners.**
- 2. All 4 year-olds will join PP1 in July 2021**
- 3. Pre Primary 1 & 2; Grade 1, 2 & 3; Class 5, 6 & 7; and Form 1, 2 & 3 learners will start their Term 2 on 4th January, 2021 and end on 19th**

March 2021 together with the Grade 4 and candidate classes (Class 8 and Form 4)

- 4. All learners, except Class 8 and Form 4 candidates, will proceed for a 7-week holiday to allow for KCPE and KCSE examinations administration and marking.**
- 5. Grade 4 and incoming Form 1 (Class 8 graduates) learners will stay at home as other learners complete their Term 3**
- 6. Grade 4 CBC learners will transition to Grade 5 in July 2021.**
- 7. International schools will reopen from January 4th 2021 for all learners still at home.**

All other details regarding specific dates for all school terms for basic education learning institutions, including the KCPE and KCSE examinations timetables, will be provided to you and are appended to this press statement.

I wish to assure the country that the Government is determined to ensure a safe reopening and learning of our schools. In doing so, we are drawing important lessons from the partial reopening that has taken place since October. We are confident that we will remain on the right trajectory to finding the winning formula that will ensure our learning institutions are safe for our learners and teachers.

The Ministry appreciates the support of all parents, counties and development partners in ensuring that schools comply with all the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 safety measures.

Prof. George A. O. Magoha, CBS
CABINET SECRETARY
November 16th, 2020

Table 1: 2020 Term Two and Three Schedule for Continuing Learners (PP1 & 2; Grade 1, 2 and 3; Class 5, 6 and 7; and Form 1, 2 and 3)

	Opening	Closing	Duration
Term 2	04/01/2021	19/03/2021	11 Weeks
Holiday	20/03/2021	09/05/2021	7 Weeks
Term 3	10/05/2021	16/07/2021	10 Weeks
Half Term Break	03/06/2021	07/06/2021	3 Days
Holiday	17/07/2021	25/07/2021	1 Week

Table 2: 2021 School Calendar

	Opening	Closing	Duration
Term 1	26/07/2021	01/10/2021	10 Weeks
Half Term Break	26/08/2021	29/08/2021	3 Days
Holiday	02/10/2021	10/10/2021	1 Week
Term 2	11/10/2021	23/12/2021	11 Weeks
Christmas/Holiday Break	24/12/2021	2/01/2022	10 Days
Term 3	03/01/2022	04/03/2022	9 Weeks
KCPE	07/03/2022	10/03/2022	4 Days
KCSE	11/03/2022	01/04/2022	3 Weeks 1 Day
KCSE Marking	04/04/2022	22/04/2022	3 Weeks

Table 3: 2022 School Calendar to begin on 25/04/2022

	Opening	Closing	Duration
Term 1	25/04/2022	01/07/2022	10 Weeks
Half Term Break	26/05/2022	29/05/2022	3 Days
Holiday	2/07/2022	10/07/2022	1 Week
Term 2	11/07/2022	16/09/2022	10 Weeks
Half Term Break	11/08/2022	14/08/2022	3 Days
Holiday	17/09/2022	25/09/2022	1 Week
Term 3	26/09/2022	25/11/2022	9 Weeks
KCPE	28/11/2022	1/12/2022	4 Days
KCSE	01/12/2022	23/12/2022	3 Weeks 1 Day
KCSE Marking	02/01/2023	20/01/2023	3 Weeks

Table 4: 2023 School Calendar to start on 23rd January, 2023

	Opening	Closing	Duration
Term 1	23/01/2023	21/04/2023	13 Weeks
Half Term Break	23/03/2023	26/03/2023	3 Days
Holiday	22/04/2023	07/05/2023	2 Weeks
Term 2	08/05/2023	11/08/2023	13 Weeks
Half Term Break	29/06/2023	02/07/2023	3 Days
Holiday	12/08/2023	27/08/2023	2 Weeks
Term 3	28/08/2023	03/11/2023	10 Weeks
KCPE	06/11/2023	09/11/2023	4 Days
KCSE	10/11/2023	01/12/2023	3 Weeks 1 Day
KCSE Marking	04/12/2023	22/12/2023	3 Weeks