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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Deputy Chief Education Specialists, FET and GET Coordinators, Subject Advisers, Principals and Teachers of all ordinary public and special schools

Subject: Introduction to the @Home Remote Teaching and Learning Series for teachers, parents and learners

1. The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) eLearning Directorate would like to present the @Home Remote Teaching and Learning Series for teachers, parents and learners. These platforms serve as self-paced learning opportunities to support remote teaching and learning for teachers, parents and learners.
2. This support series is aimed at the teacher, parent and learner, each of which has its own website that is accessible on computers and mobile devices. The three websites provide navigational guidance, resource support and assist on how to create a conducive remote teaching and learning environment. All three websites are accessible via the @Home Remote Teaching and Learning Series landing webpage at the following address: <https://wcedeteacher.wixsite.com/remoteeducation>.
3. An overview of the remote teaching and learning series:
 - 3.1. The first component of the series focusses on teachers, using the **@Home Teacher Remote Teaching and Learning Series**. This website is offered as a self-paced learning opportunity and aims to strengthen and develop a teacher's remote teaching and learning practices and it explores digital learning tools.

The teacher pack has 5 modules, more than 150 resources, online courses and provides a list of recorded and upcoming webinars to explore:

- Module 1: DIY Home Classroom
- Module 2: Teaching Strategies
- Module 3: Finding Digital Content
- Module 4: Creating Content
- Module 5: Sharing Platforms

The website can be accessed via <https://wcedeteacher.wixsite.com/eteacher>.

- 3.2 The second component of the series focusses on parents using the **@Home Parent Remote Teaching and Learning Series**. This Parent Toolkit aims to help facilitate learning at home, gives an overview of various educational platforms and provides guidance on how to create a conducive learning environment at home.

The Parent Toolkit is divided into 5 toolboxes to facilitate remote learning with over 100 resources:

- Toolbox 1: Parent Involvement
- Toolbox 2: Creating and managing learning environments
- Toolbox 3: Enable Communication
- Toolbox 4: Enable Learning
- Toolbox 5: Cyber Wellness

The website can be accessed via <https://wcedeteacher.wixsite.com/parenttoolkit>.

- 3.3 The third component of the series focusses on learners, using the **@Home Learner Remote Teaching and Learning Series**. It is aimed at addressing the challenges many learners may face when managing their learning from their home environment and it offers guidance to organise themselves confidently and productively.

This is a self-paced learning opportunity for learners who learn remotely and targeted at ages 10 and above. Included herein is a dedicated section to practise leisure activities, play educational games, as well as a section on cyber wellness to strengthen online etiquette and communications. The writing style and use of language in this section is less formal and uses the social media approach to communication.

The component is divided into 5 Hashtags, with more than 150 resources, where learners can “**Follow the Hashtag**” to guide remote learning:

- #Prepping2Learn
- #LearnWithMe
- #CurriculumForward
- #BreakTime
- #ThinkBeforeYouPost

The website can be accessed via <https://wcedeteacher.wixsite.com/learnfromhome>.

4. All three websites are accessible via various WCED platforms:

ePortal	www.wcedeportal.co.za
eLearning SideKick	https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za/elearning
Facebook	https://web.facebook.com/wcedelearning
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/wced_elearning
Twitter	https://twitter.com/WCED_eCulture
Landing webpage	https://wcedeteacher.wixsite.com/remoteducation

5. Your cooperation in this regard is valued and highly appreciated.

6. Principals are kindly requested to share the contents of this minute with teachers, parents and learners.

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