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Chances of Covid-19 infections minimised at Lehlasedi Primary School

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Lessons at Lehlasedi Primary School in Sharpeville continue to take place in a safe environment as learners are cushioned from the ravages of Covid-19 – thanks to the donation of health and hygiene products by the Department of Water and Sanitation on Thursday, 13 August 2020.

The Department has been hard at work since the outbreak of the pandemic, ensuring that needy communities and schools were provided with water and health and hygiene products across the length and breadth of the country.

Principal at the School, Thabiso Sibanda, appreciated the donations made by the Department, adding that the hygiene products would come in handy for the school so that lessons continue to take place without being overly concerned about the health of learners and staff.

He said: “We are grateful with the donation that we have from the department. The donation we got from them, including sanitisers, detergents that will be helpful to us as a school in enhancing health and hygiene amongst our learners and educators since we are fighting the pandemic that is raving our country.”

Sibanda said he was inspired that the Department was taking a huge responsibility of promoting good health in school as well as in communities, adding that these efforts were part of a collective plan aimed at protecting everyone.

“So we thank you for the good gesture that you have made to our school and we further request that you also donate and help other schools that are going through the situation we are in as a school,” he Sibanda.

DWS’ official, Shoki Malepe, said the magnitude of the pandemic meant that schools were critical areas that should be made safe, especially as Gauteng was the hotspot of the virus.

She added: “Assistance with the provision of hygiene products in needy schools would help to ease frustration and so facilitate proper learning.”

Acknowledging the disorder that was created by the pandemic, Malepe said: “Covid-19 has disrupted a lot of things and our schools were not an exception. So, we must pay special attention to how schools cope with this virus. Our Learners have lost a huge amount of time but we must now assist them to catch up by making sure their learning environment is safe,” said Malepe.

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