



INTERNET ARTICLE

DWS provides sanitizers and reminds learners to wash hands at schools

12 June 2020

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) distributed sanitizers and other hygienic cleaning materials to Khokhovelani and Mphaku primary schools in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality on 11 June 2020 to promote proper handwashing and health and hygiene as a way of preventing the spread of the coronavirus in schools.

DWS heightened the awareness on the importance of handwashing by demonstrating the proper steps of handwashing. Learners and officials were encouraged to share information with their families to create a culture of handwashing in their communities. This practice is meant to contain and curb the spread of COVID-19.

Mr Justice Nekhofhe, representing the Department of Water and Sanitation outlined the importance of regularly washing of hands to curb the spread of the silent killer virus.

“We bring you the materials, which include sanitizers and soap because we love you as learners. We value your lives as your lives matters. We are here to support the schools and the learners through health and hygiene packs. These packs are meant to assist the schools to comply with the regulations to curb the spread of the coronavirus in our communities”, he said.

The Executive Mayor of Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Cllr Sylvia Nxumalo thanked DWS for the materials and the handwashing demonstration and encouraged working together. “When the year started, nobody knew there will be COVID-19. We have come to say to learners and educators, welcome back. It is not going to be easy, we have an abnormal situation and it is not going to be work as usual. As we welcome our learners back, we have also brought DWS to show us how to properly wash our hands to contain the coronavirus in our schools. Together we can be able to pull through. This is the time to work together, as together we can fight and win the battle”, she said.

The learners took part in handwashing demonstrations and promised to share what they have learned with their families. One of the learners at Khokhovelani Primary School, Pfumani Mnisi stated: “I have learnt a lot about the importance of washing hands, especially the





water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



handwashing steps to keep clean and healthy. I am going to share with my friends and family to ensure that our hands are always clean to curb the spread of the coronavirus”.

Themba Khoza



Department of Water and Sanitation South Africa



DWS_RSA