

## Message for the Science Subject Advisers

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### Good day colleagues

These are uncertain times for all of us Subject Advisors, teachers, learners, parents and the entire Education Sector. The sands are shifting daily and many of us are feeling anxious about what happens next to our health and safety, livelihood, to our education, to our freedoms and to life as we knew it.

Whilst we practice physical distance and social solidarity, this disruption also provides us with an opportunity to reimagine how we live and how we work. It also allows us to exercise control over the aspects that we can change and, in this instance, how we can work i.e. train and support our teachers both face to face and remotely.

Science SES Message: How to help teachers access online resources	WEEK 7
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As the nation is preparing the reopening of our schools following the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic, several players in the education sector working collaboratively with the DBE have put a substantial amount of teaching and learning materials on the DBE website:	
<a href="https://www.education.gov.za/">https://www.education.gov.za/</a> for teachers and learners.	
As SESs lets support our teachers by conscientising them on the existence/availability of such resources and take them through a journey of how they can locate and access these materials. To that end I have put examples of some of the materials they can directly access through the DBE website:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. MST workbooks: For Grade 7 – 9 Natural sciences and Technology workbooks: <a href="http://www.mstworkbooks.co.za/index.html">http://www.mstworkbooks.co.za/index.html</a>. As most of you are already familiar with the MST workbooks, they are easy to follow, CAPS aligned and have a several assessment exercises per concept/topic that you can give to learners. Please encourage your teachers to access these materials.</li><li>2. Grade 4 – 12 Siyavula Science textbooks: <a href="https://www.siyavula.com/">https://www.siyavula.com/</a> . If you are on the MTN or Vodacom network in South Africa, accessing these textbooks will not cost you any data.</li><li>3. Grade 4 – 6 Thunderbolt science materials: <a href="http://www.thunderboltkids.co.za/">http://www.thunderboltkids.co.za/</a></li><li>4. Grade 4 -9 Natural sciences and Technology Recovery plans: <a href="https://www.education.gov.za/Home/RecoveryPlan2020.aspx">https://www.education.gov.za/Home/RecoveryPlan2020.aspx</a></li></ol>	
You may go through the DBE website and familiarise yourself with the materials in order to effectively support your teachers.	
“You can't teach people everything they need to know. The best you can do is position them where they can find what they need to know when they need to know it.” Seymour Papert	
Stay safe and observe social distancing.	