1. The National School Nutrition Programme implementation is informed by the routine monitoring of schools utilizing the MRR (Monitoring, Reporting and Responding) methodology.

2. This methodology focuses on the serving of a nutritious meal on time to all beneficiaries of the Programme. It assesses the diversity, quantity and lastly the time at which feeding is concluded.

3. Although the impact of COVID-19 has negatively affected the ability to maintain the routine monitoring of schools all schools are now more accustomed to the requisite protocols and are ready to receive the designated officials to assist with the monitoring of the NSNP programme.

4. As a Department, we are focused on the academic outcomes of our learners and monitoring should not disrupt teaching and learning as well as examinations.

5. This being noted, schools have been opened for visitation and the fleet which was previously grounded has now been made available citing specifically the monitoring of the National School Nutrition Programme.

6. Districts are urged to utilize the resources available and to conduct monitoring in a safe manner to avoid infection and transmission of COVID-19 during all visits.
7. Provincially a reflection of steady phasing in of monitoring through the submission of MRR reports in the second quarter (July – September 2020). These efforts are noted and appreciated.

8. Districts are encouraged and advised to continue the momentum with which monitoring has strengthened. It is however emphasized that all protocols pertaining to COVID-19 must be observed at all times.

9. For any queries pertaining the content of this internal memorandum kindly contact Mr. M. Mngqiyana or Mr. L. Mbanjwa.

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