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SOME SCHOOLS IN VHEMBE TO REMAIN CLOSED AMID ONGOING DISRUPTIVE WEATHER

Following sustained heavy rainfall over the weekend, the Limpopo Department of Education has taken a precautionary decision to keep a number of schools in the Vhembe region closed. Several schools within the Vhembe East and West Education Districts remain inaccessible and will therefore be shut as we continue to monitor the disruptive weather conditions.

On Friday, a directive was issued suspending all extra classes, in response to forecasts warning of disruptive rain and the risk of flash flooding. District offices are now liaising directly with the affected circuits and schools to ensure parents and guardians are informed of the latest developments.

Learners at some of the affected schools rely on scholar transport, which is currently unable to operate due to the persistent rainfall. Parents are urged to remain vigilant and to notify school principals immediately if their routes to school become inaccessible.

To address the disruption to learning, the department has established a task team tasked with developing a comprehensive catch-up strategy. The plan is expected to include the organisation of educational camps for learners who have fallen behind in their studies, alongside the introduction of online learning programmes for all impacted schools.

The department will assess the situation and give updates on regular basis.

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