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Basic Interaction: A guide to teaching online using WhatsApp

Why use WhatsAPP?

WhatsApp can provide a channel through which teachers can achieve faster and more seamless communication with their learners. It can also increase the level of communication between learners and create another venue for learning.

Teacher Action	Description	Example: Using WhatsApp
Preparation	Action on decisions from the completed School Preparation Checklist	Schools are to use WhatsApp as a platform for sharing, collaboration & engagement
Co-Create Resources	Teachers work together to plan and design subject content for teaching and learning	Find short reading passage or video clip for comprehension reading (listening). A teacher can even take a photo or scan in an existing reading piece to share.
Packaging	Sequence the release of the resources in bite-size chunks Label it for easy sharing and referencing.	Resource Afr video_Picasso Afr Quiz_Picasso
Schedule time for interaction	Create structure and routines for engagement. Teachers might want to engage in different ways: 1) Discussion groups/forums 2) whole class teaching 3) live streaming 4) content sharing 5) Scheduled contact time for Q & A 6) Pre-recorded lessons	Teacher shares a resource every morning at 8:00. Learners need to respond by 11:00 and 13:00. A Q&A to follow for more interaction. Use WhatsApp video call to live stream for face to face teaching as needed (for small groups)

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Reach learners	Create groups that are easily managed by the platform of your choice.	Teacher uses WhatsApp Broadcast/groups function. UIse WhatsApp Video call to host small group sessions of 4 participants.
Teach and Explain online	• Start by having a fellow teacher recording short snippets of your (chalkboard) lesson. • Get familiar with teaching in front of a camera. • Do research on effective video presentation skills • Use audio recording to accompany resources as an additional resource • make eye contact in video recording • Keep your personal touch	It is key to maintain the teacher presence. • Sharing multimedia resources to enhance learning • Prompt feedback • using WhatsApp video recording option
Sharing & Feedback (Q&A)	• Invite learners to actively participate by allowing question and answer. • Allow sharing of resources, links and other that will enhance learning. • Encourage input and feedback to strengthen online communication skills and good digital citizenship.	• Use WhatsApp to host Q&A sessions to consolidate learning. • Allow learners to pose questions and connect with their peers. • This is an opportunity for them to take ownership of their learning and to harness a culture of sharing and collaboration,

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