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MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL WITH HON. EBENEZER TETTEH KUPUALOR

After a long stay in the house (close to a year) consequent upon closure of the Basic Schools in March 2020 as a result of the emergence of the novel COVID-19 pandemic, the President in his 21st COVID-19 Update Address to the Nation on the 3rd January 2021 announced reopening of Basic Schools which kicked start yesterday, the 19th January 2021.

The President in his 21st Update also indicated, that government decision to reopen the schools was in the interest of the school children and added, that government was going to take measures to manage the COVID-19 virus to ensure the safety of both students and teachers as the President also charged the Ministry of Education to make sure that fumigation of all schools took place before the reopening of the schools.

Consequent upon that and as indicated supra, Basic Schools in the Yilo Krobo Municipality reopened yesterday as was the case throughout the country and accordingly, the Municipal Chief Executive (MCE), Hon. Ebenezer Tetteh Kupualor and his team which included the Yilo Krobo Municipal Education Director visited a number of schools on the first day (yesterday) and the visitation was to continue today (20th January 2021). The MCE who presented some nose masks and school uniforms to the schools visited also urged school children and teachers to take the observation of the COVID-19 protocols more serious than ever before especially the wearing of nose masks and washing of hands.

The below were the schools visited by the MCE and his team on the first day;

- Opersika L/A JHS
- Opersika Presby Primary
- Nsutapong Terpuornya M/A Primary
- Wurapong M/A JHS
- Wurapong M/A Primary
- Perpertifi M/A Primary

At Opersika L/A, One Hundred and Thirty (130) nose masks were presented to the school with total enrollment of sixty-three (63) with two (2) teachers present and at Opersika Primary, One Hundred and Eighty (180) nose masks presented to the school with an enrollment of Eighty-One (81) including K-G and with seven (7) teachers present. At Nsutapong M/A Primary with an enrollment of Thirty-seven (37) including K-G, One Hundred (100) nose masks were presented

with Thirty (30) school uniforms meant for both boys and girls and with three (3) teachers present. At Wurapong L/A JSH with enrollment of Ninety (90) and with fourteen (14) teachers, Two Hundred and Eight (208) nose masks were presented and at Wurapong M/A Primary with an enrollment of One Hundred and Sixty-Three (163) with thirteen (13) teachers, Three Hundred and fifty-two (352) nose masks were presented together with Twenty (20) uniforms meant for both boys and girls. Lastly, at Perpertitifi M/A Primary with an enrollment of One Hundred and Ninety-two (192) including K-G and with five (5) teachers, Three Hundred (300) nose masks together with Twenty (20) school uniforms meant for both boys and girls were presented to the school.

In all, about **5,000 NOSE MASKS** were to be distributed to school children and teachers during or after the visitation and about **1,200 SCHOOL UNIFORMS** to be distributed to school children.




Hon. Ebenezer Tetteh Kupualor at Opersika Presby Primary

It was however observed during the visitation, that all schools visited on the first day lacked the basic Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) such **Thermometer gun** and **veronica buckets** which were crucial in the fight against the COVID-19 virus. Also, in Nsupapong Terpornya M/A Primary, **there was no desks in some of the classrooms.**



Hon. Ebenezer Tetteh Kupualor at Wurapong M/A Primary

Currently, Yilo Krobo had recorded between the period of October 2020 and January this year (2021) **76 COVID-19 cases** as revealed at the last Assembly Management Meeting held on Friday, 15th January 2021. What was however revealed as instructive at the said Management Meeting was that currently Private Schools are no longer under the Management of Ghana Education Service (GES) and therefore posed a challenge to the GES, Yilo Krobo as to how to give directive to the managers of Private Schools in the Municipality relative to the observance of the COVID-19 protocols especially regarding the busing of school children to their various schools as has been the practice in the Municipality. The Municipal Coordinating Director though promised to get in touch with the President of the Association of Private Teachers on the way forward, no information in that respect had been communicated yet.


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