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DBE LAUNCHES THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS HYGIENE PROGRAMME AT ZIMASA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CAPE TOWN ON GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

The Department of Basic Education will launch the National Schools Hygiene Programme (NSHP) and kick start the extended Hand Hygiene Programme at Zimasa Primary School in Langa Township, Cape Town on Friday, 15 October 2021.

The DBE's implementation of the National School Hygiene Programme is an initiative supported by Unilever through its brands, Lifebuoy, Mentadent P and Domestos. This programme involves a 21-day behaviour change intervention in class regarding washing of hands with soap, brushing of teeth with toothbrush and toothpaste and proper cleaning of school toilets. The Deputy Director General of Care and Support in Schools Dr. Granville Whittle will deliver the keynote address.

The Global Handwashing Day is celebrated on October 15, of each year globally and it is a campaign to motivate and mobilize millions around the world to wash their hands with soap at critical times. The 2021 Global Handwashing Day theme is "***Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together.***"

Western Cape Province will pioneer the implementation of the Extended Hand Hygiene Programme. The Grade 1 Educators and Peer Educators have received training on NSHP and Extended Hand Hygiene Programme in preparation for the implementation after its launch which is on Global Hand washing Day.

Members of the media are invited to join the launch of National Schools Hygiene Programme (NSHP) as follows:

Date: Friday, 15 October 2021

Time: 08h00

Venue: Zimasa Primary School, Washington Street, Ilanga T/ship, Cape Town

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