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**December 9, 2021**

**Schools Moved into Phase 3**

The Minister of Education, the Hon. Diallo Rabain, JP, MP was pleased to announce yesterday to school Principals and Administrators that schools have now been shifted into Phase 3 of the COVID-19 Phases for School Protocols effective Wednesday, December 8th, 2021.

The Minister stated, “We are pleased to see that the work undertaken to get our students back to a normal learning environment is progressing. School staff, principals, parents and students must be commended for their efforts in creating a safe learning community.”

The Minister noted that changes introduced in Phase 3 include Parent and Visitor Entry, minor changes to Class Bubbles, Staff Socializing, Assemblies, Meetings, Small Group Play, Physical Education Classes, Christmas Plays and Field Trips.

Full details of the COVID Return to School Guideline Phases and highlighted changes between Phases 2 and 3 can be found on the [www.moed.bm](http://www.moed.bm) website on the COVID Page.

The Ministry of Education would like to remind the public to continue practicing hand washing, wearing your mask and physical distancing.