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To: All Heads of College Network and Heads of Primary Schools (State and Non-State)
From: David Muscat – CEO, National Literacy Agency
Subject: Nwar Family Literacy Programme

The National Literacy Agency would like to announce that the Nwar programme applications for next scholastic year 2021/22 are now open. There have been some modifications to the programme and the application process.

Nwar is an after-school, literacy intervention programme for students who are encountering literacy difficulties in Maltese and/or English. It supports the acquisition of phonological, alphabet, and phonic knowledge, and reading, spelling, writing and comprehension strategies.

The Agency offers this programme to students who struggle in literacy. The sessions are held twice a week for a maximum of 4 Nwar semesters. Once the basic literacy level is reached, students are discontinued from the programme. The progress of the child is monitored on a regular basis. Regular attendance is required. Failure to attend regularly, with a maximum of 4 unauthorized missed sessions, will lead to the discontinuation of the service.

Eligibility:

- Students who in scholastic year 2020-2021 are in Year 2 (or who will be starting Year 2, if applying in Summer), Year 3, Year 4 and students who will be starting Year 5 next year (2021-2022).
- Foreign students who have literacy difficulties (and not merely a lack of language exposure) and understand well the language they are opting for.

Applicants will be accepted after an in-house assessment which must confirm the information presented.

Application process:

Parents can enrol their children by filling in and sending to the Agency the attached application form or by completing a hard copy of the application form at the National Literacy Agency, Joseph Abela Scolaro Street, Ħamrun ĦMR 1304. Schools can also help in the application process, if parents are unable to do this themselves.

We are open during office hours from 8:00 to 17:00. All applications are to be approved by a member of the school management team.

Any queries should be addressed to Ms Marika Farrugia, Senior Manager, Nwar family literacy programme, by phoning 25983325 or by email to marika.farrugia@ilearn.edu.mt.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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