

Mgwenyane Primary School

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It is with great delight to write about the biggest and most powerful company in South Africa and how it impacts our lives as learners.

Education is a lifestyle and we need to live it.

Vodacom e-School is a Vodacom-sponsored initiative to assist all learners who are Vodacom subscribers to access classroom content, which is a curriculum aligned to their mobile devices across all major subjects for free.

Now, this is also extended to other subscribers, however, at a charge.

The impact that Vodacom e-School has on learners is vast. Vodacom e-School is free to all Vodacom subscribers; this means that learners who use Vodacom as their network do not pay for any data used when accessing the e-School.

Now, that is the first impact; giving opportunities to poor people to access better education for FREE. What more could we ask for? If a learner does not have a cell phone, they can use their parents' phones and subscribe in order to access this great learning tool.

It is easy to access this tool; one must register and then log in to access the contents. The Vodacom e-School app has content from grade R to grade 12. This

means that every learner is covered accordingly. Learners or users are also able to choose their preferred subjects when using the app. All subjects are available according to grades and languages.

Learners can access workbooks right from the app. They can be downloaded and used at home or at school (especially the foundation phase). As a grade seven learner, I am more interested in my grade contents. I have been able to access contents for all my subjects.

As I open the contents for each lesson, I am given objectives and outcomes. I know what I have to learn and what I must know after the lesson.

Some of the activities a learner finds in the app are different from the classroom ones, thus it makes us think better and have more knowledge and better ways of solving problems in subjects like mathematics.

It gives us assignments, awards us with badges for doing well and also helps us to track our progress.

Vodacom e-School is a school outside of school. It is a school on a learner's phone. In subjects like natural science, a learner is able to see different images and do experiments.

It opens our thinking and exposes us to different scientific ideas.

Vodacom e-School in the coming future will have to address the notion of the 4IR (fourth industrial revolution) in education.

We are living in a world of technology and it is important that learners are addressed on this matter.

I believe that Vodacom e-School is a good platform to expose us as learners to the world of robotics and advanced technology, so that our education can be relevant to the working environment.

The app includes the use of videos and advanced science activities that make us learners want to do more science and mathematics. Most learners do not like maths and science because it is not made fun.

I have experienced being in a class where an app like Vodacom e-School were used on tablets. Each and every one of us were glued to their tablets doing maths and science. Vodacom e-School must fully be moved to schools.

It must be part of our learning process so that we can learn in a fun way and out of the palm of our hands.

I strongly support Vodacom e-School, and I believe it is one of the tools that can make us learners achieve our goals and get quality results.

Vodacom e-School is a lifestyle; we must live it, enjoy it and be educated by it.