STUDENT REFLECTIVE JOURNAL

Year One School Observation · Supported Teaching in School (STS)

DAY 1: FAMILIARIZATION WITH STS SCHOOL

Name of school	New Tafo Dichemso M/A K.G. and Primary School, Kumasi
Day of visit	Tuesday
Date of visit	_____
Name of lead mentor	_____
Name of mentor	_____
Number of other staff members	11

Enrollment by Class and Gender

Class	Boys	Girls	Total	Learners with disability
BS 1	6	13	19	None
BS 2	10	12	22	None
BS 3	19	14	33	1
BS 4	10	12	22	None
BS 5	18	12	30	None
BS 6	12	11	23	None

School Facilities

ICT theatre, school toilet, headmistress's office, staff common room, playing ground, classroom blocks.

Brief History of the School

The school was established in February 1964 by the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly to ease the activities of women from Krofrom Market and the fitting shops around the area. It is located in Dichemso, behind the Central S.D.A. Church, Kumasi. It began as a primary school and now also has K.G. 1 and K.G. 2.

- **Vision:** to be among the best schools that turn out scholars who are academically and morally sound and nationalistic in character.
- **Mission:** to encourage pupils to create and share ideas and to excel in their God-given talents.
- **Pupils:** mostly from low-income families such as market women, street hawkers, squatters and head porters (Kayayo).
- **Population:** 212 pupils (109 boys and 103 girls).
- **Staff:** nine (9) staff, 98% of whom are professional teachers with 10 to 28 years of experience.
- **Management:** an active SMC and PTA.
- **Schedule:** assembly starts at 7:30am and lessons at 8:00am every morning.
- **Challenge:** an infrastructure deficit; the school is making internal efforts to put up additional classrooms.

Stakeholders Collaborating with the School

Government; Parents' Association (PA); the school management (teaching and non-teaching staff); Unit Committee; Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly.

Classroom Rules

Classroom rule	Why this rule is important	How the rule is enforced	Consequences if broken
Twi speaking is prohibited	To help pupils speak good English	Posters pasted in the classroom	Writing one sentence to cover a full page
Punctuality in class during lesson	To ensure and enhance good understanding of every topic	Roll call before and after every lesson	Kneeling down in the sun for two to three hours
Do not talk while teacher is in class	To help pupils pay attention to the teacher	Writing names of talkative pupils	Kneeling down in class
Do not eat in class	To improve cleanliness in the class	Posters against such acts in the classroom	Seizing food brought to class