

Guide for Parents to Supporting Home Learning

1. Firstly, we genuinely sympathise with the plethora of difficulties that you may face as a parent during this challenging time. You may be working, you may be delivering online content yourself, you may have younger children, or a combination of all of these factors.
2. This is not home schooling. This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting on the whole world. Let's keep perspective. Home schooling is a choice, where you considered, you plan for it and you are your child's school teacher in whatever form you choose. The situation we all find ourselves in is not home schooling.
3. The resources on it's Learning have been designed as low maintenance for you as a parent yet crucially still engaging and interesting enough for your child to be challenged.
4. We have found that if you are able to put together a plan of sorts regarding periods of time to do work, this can really help with things.
5. Also within the plan, building in some down time and breaks can act as a great motivator to your child and help them get through the tasks that have been set. Although we want all of our students to engage in the tasks set, they are not expected to follow the timings of the school day and we want things to be flexible.
6. In any classroom, teachers will not look at all pieces of work. The students learn by doing activities themselves so much of what your child does at home will not need specific feedback. When they complete more challenging or involved pieces of work, teachers will be able to respond and let them know how they could improve further. We trust our teachers to use their professional judgement to find the right points in your child's learning to do this. As teachers we really do welcome though when students start to engage with us in the feedback we give. it's Learning is split into tasks and assignments. Assignments need returning to the teacher, tasks don't.
7. Any sort of physical activity during the day will also help with not just everyone's physical health, but also our mental health too.
8. Keep expectations realistic. You know your child best and whether it is working little and often, or doing more of the academic tasks in the morning rather than later in the day; choose a strategy that works for all of you.
9. This could also be an opportunity to engage in so many other areas of life skills that don't involve always sitting in front of a screen. Many families will now be spending more time together in each other's company. Let's treasure and make the most of that time.
10. Finally you are doing enough. You are loving your kids and supporting them through a difficult time. Look after yourself. Minimising stress is absolutely vital in a time like this for mental health. Don't let this be something that stresses you. In these unprecedented times, all any of us can do is to do our best and please be reassured that you have our support and guidance when you need it.