



REMOTE LEARNING FOR CHILDREN

Top Tips for Successful Learning Through Our Online Platform

Remote learning is a great way to continue learning outside the classroom, particularly in difficult circumstances. For pupils, it is the best way to ensure they get the education they need, despite not being in school. However, it also requires a level of discipline and careful planning. This guide is to help pupils understand our expectations of remote learning at Wynndale, so they have a safe and purposeful experience online.

TREAT REMOTE LEARNING THE SAME AS CLASSROOM LEARNING

Despite being at home, it is important to remember the same rules apply as being in the classroom, particularly in the respect of behaviour and conduct. Focus on your learning, and do not let yourself get distracted by your surroundings. It is important to follow our whole school expectations and be 'Respectful', both to your teachers and your peers. Always try to remember you are in a learning environment and not a social setting.

USE CLASSROOM LANGUAGE

If you are encouraged to communicate through online messages, don't use shorthand text speak and write as though you would speak in class. Remember to be respectful and polite. Please avoid posting negative comments or 'spamming' the chat. Chat should be used to ask questions about learning, and not as a casual chat forum with friends. Using it in this way may mean that your teachers miss important posts and questions about the learning that day.

BE PREPARED FOR LIVE SESSIONS

Please make sure you are prepared for all live sessions. It is important that you dress appropriately for your live learning, that you join all sessions on time and that you do not eat during the sessions either. Please also try to find a quiet space for the sessions, where you will not be distracted by others or by your surroundings.

DON'T SHARE PASSWORDS OR OTHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION

In order to begin online learning and use the relevant platforms and learning resources, you will be provided with login details and passwords. In the same way that you would keep your personal details private, always keep your passwords and usernames safe and never share these with others.

ONLINE ETIQUETTE

When you join live Teams sessions, please mute your microphone as soon as you enter the lesson.

Please follow your teachers advice regarding cameras. They will tell you if they want you to have your camera on or off. If you wish to ask a question during the session, please use the 'raise hand' button. If you are asked a question, you should unmute your microphone. If you are asked to use the chat function, please use it sensibly.

You should not record each others online interactions. If the lesson is to be recorded, it will be done so by the class teacher, for safeguarding reasons.

TAKE REGULAR SCREEN BREAKS

Whilst remote learning might be an exciting experience to begin with, having prolonged periods of time in front of a screen isn't always healthy. Remember to have regular screen breaks where possible and in your spare time, try to get some fresh air and enjoy activities away from electronic devices.

LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Remote Learning often means that you are working alone and missing out on daily social interaction with your friends. If you ever feel frustrated, worried, or sad, it is important to talk about how you are feeling with people at home, or with your class teacher. Keeping in touch with friends over the phone, or through computer games for example, can also help keep your spirits up. Remember, there is always someone you can talk to. We will also be keeping a close eye on everyone through Teams and will contact you when we can to check you are ok.