



Learning from Home

What are the expectations for our students during Learning from Home?

Timetable

Each day, Show My Homework will list learning activities from 3 of your subject areas. Each learning activity lasts for a minimum of 1 hour and we expect you to engage with the learning activities listed for each day. The timetable follows a similar allocation to your normal timetable so over the ten days, you will see more activities from English, Maths and Science listed. Some learning activities are projected based (or on-going learning) so if you wanted to do more than an hour suggested you could – just make sure you are engaging with the learning from the other two subjects as well.

Some students in KS3 don't have MFL on their school timetable and with therefore receive learning activities from their teacher connected to what they would be doing in these lessons.

Just like the school day it is important that you give yourself breaks when you are not completing the learning activities.

Establishing a routine

As you will be Learning from Home, it is important that you establish a routine. You will still need to get up, washed and dressed and eat breakfast, at a similar time that would do at school in readiness for a school day. You then need to find a space where you can log onto Show My Homework and engage with each task over the day. If you are sharing a computer with a sibling, then you will need to take turns as to who is working when or to see if there are any learning activities you can do without using the computer.

Avoiding distractions

You will be learning in a totally different environment but we would expect you to engage in the same way you would for a lesson. Make sure the TV is off and that any social media distractions are also turned off. If you can work in a quiet space, this will help you concentrate and enjoy your learning more.

What type of learning will I be doing?

Your teachers have been working hard to make the learning you have been doing in the classroom, work at home. You will get a range of activities to challenge you and make you think. You might be asked to complete an activity that shows how much you have remembered. Some learning activities might ask you to read information and then answer quizzes. A teacher may use their visualiser to model a piece of learning that they then upload for you to watch. Other learning activities might ask you to engage with online learning resources that you have already used for example Timetable Rock Stars or MyMaths. For some subjects, the learning activity might ask you to submit the work you have done via Show My Homework – for example, in English you could be asked to create a diary entry on word and then upload this.

What if I need help?

Teachers will be looking at Show My Homework each day and will be able to see if you have messaged them with a question. Teachers will respond to your question within two days. It might not be your normal subject teacher that responds. If a teacher receives lots of the same questions, you may receive a whole class message.

Can I still get BESt points?

Certainly! Teachers will be monitoring your work regularly. They will be able to see how well you are doing through the quizzes you complete, the work you submit, the comments that you leave and your overall engagement with learning. We will make sure that all your BESt points are uploaded, ready for you to spend when school is open again. In addition to this, we will be looking for ways of celebrating and sharing the best work you produce with others in your class – just like we would do in your lessons.

What if I don't do the learning activities?

If there is a reason that you can't do the learning activities for example, if you weren't well, or if your computer had stopped working then your parent or carer would need to contact the school to let us know when we can expect you to be back on track.

If there hasn't been any contact from home and your teachers notice that you are not engaging with the learning activities, then in the first instance they will message you on Show My Homework. If after trying to contact you, they still see that you are not engaging with the learning activities then they may contact home to speak to your parents or carers to check that everything is okay.

Why do we have to do the Learning from Home?

We want you to be in the best position for your learning when you return to us. At this stage, we don't know how long our school will be closed for and therefore we want to make sure that you continue to stretch and challenge yourself. We are confident that the learning activities we provide will keep you active and thinking and will prepare you for your continued learning journey when you return to us. It is going to be a challenge for all of us, but we are confident that you will rise to this and continue to impress us.

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