



Remote Learning at Kirkbie Kendal School: A Message to Students

Dear Students

We hope this finds you well. This is our second spell of remote learning and one of the changes this time round is that we want your remote learning to look and feel as much as possible like a school day. That means that except for form time you should follow your normal timetable, and your school day should finish at 3.00pm. There may be work from lessons, an essay for example, that takes longer than that and needs to be finished in the evening or over the weekend. However, separate homework tasks will not be set. You can expect your form teacher or your Head of Year to be in touch with you to check how you are getting on. Your Head of Year will be giving 'assemblies' each week, and your form tutor may like to set a form challenge or activity.

If you are ill or are looking after someone else, or cannot attend a lesson for any other reason, then please let us know and email your teacher(s) about catching up. They will help you manage that.

Please use Edulink and Google Classroom to find out what your work is, submit work to your teacher and ask questions online. A lot of your lessons, approximately one in every three lessons per subject, will be 'live' lessons where your teacher will arrange a video call with the class. Please sign into your Google Classroom at the beginning of your lesson so that you can access any 'live' lessons. When you are accessing live lessons you must be dressed appropriately for learning and when you have your camera on we suggest you blur your background. For 'live' lessons only students in your class may attend and you must not record the lesson, take any photos of the screen or share any 'live' lesson links.

Our normal high expectations apply when you're learning at home. We expect you to work hard, to contribute, and to ask questions if you're unsure. If your lesson is a video call, it is important that your behaviour is excellent and you do nothing to disturb the learning of others. Teachers will give rewards, but will also be able to give behaviour points if necessary.

Teachers will answer emails from **your school email address** and messages on Google Classroom during your timetabled lesson. Please bear in mind that it may take teachers some time to reply if they are answering other students' questions or, for example, caring for someone at home.

Work will be a combination of work in exercise books, work on the computer and may include videos, resources like BBC Bitesize, and research. It is important that you keep your work organised so that you can bring it back into school on your return. You can expect feedback on your work as you do at school. Your teachers will give you comments for improvement on your work, as they did when you were working in school.

Working independently like this is a really good skill to learn. However, if you are struggling with the work make sure you ask your teacher for help. We expect you to spend around an hour of work per lesson during the day. If you want to spend longer than this doing extension tasks that is fine but you should strike a balance between school work and relaxation time. The most important thing is to try your best.

Some of you will be accessing the live lessons and Edulink or Google Classroom on your phone. That will be fine for most of the work. If you are struggling with access to ICT then please get in touch with your Head of Year and we will try to help.

It's really important that we keep up good habits, continue learning and keep healthy and active over the next few weeks. Please follow all government advice and minimise your contact with others to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Lots of your families and the families of staff will find this time difficult, so it's important to be caring and considerate of others.

Please do some exercise following government instructions and using the PE department's challenges. Offer to cook some meals or do some baking. Don't 'over-do' social media.

We look forward to seeing you back in school in the near future.

Keep well and best wishes.

Staff at Kirkbie Kendal School

January 2021 virtual learning timetable

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| All year groups 8.45-9.50am Lesson 1 9.50- 10.50am Lesson 2 10.50-11.05am Break 11.05-12.05am Lesson 3 | |
| Year 7-9 12.35-1.35pm Lesson 4 1.55-2.55pm Lesson 5 | Year 10-13 12.05-1.05pm Lesson 4 1.55-2.55pm Lesson 5 |