

Using the Digital learning environment at home

Phase 3 – The Online School

Update 3 – Thursday 7th May

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Hello Parents,

I want to start by saying thank you for the positive feedback that came in last week after my last update. You have no idea how much of a boost that it gives us teachers to receive such emails, especially in a time when everyone is working hard to learn new technological skills, teach lessons and balance their own home situations. I want to say thank you as well for your support with your son's learning. We are working hard to offer as much support as we can but I thank you for making sure your son is on time for lessons and handing in and completing work on time. The pupil response to the online learning is excellent, with pupils completing their assignments and continuing to make the good progress we would expect.

This week there are not a lot of updates and no major changes. The pupils are settled in to their new classes and technical issues have reduced. A huge thank you must be given to our staff for all they are doing and how they have transitioned to running an online school with very little warning. Their commitment to our pupils is second to none and they deserve high praise.

This week's updates:

1. Update 1 – The Wellbeing Wall

We understand that pupils are finding it difficult the more that the lock down continues. This is only natural and it is always helpful to hear. If your son is struggling, pass it on to the form teacher it is always helpful for them to know. To support pupils with the 'extra-curricular' side of school we have started the Wellbeing Wall. This is a place where teachers will post ideas of what can be done when not completing online school work. Pupils will also contribute what they have been doing as well to help support each other. The Wellbeing wall is on the left hand side of the Celebration Assembly Hall.

2. Update 2 – Computer Science will start

I will start Computer Science lessons again this week for Y1-6. My timetable at present will not allow me to teach each class individually, therefore, I will group year groups together and offer a once a week session. The grouping will be as follows and take part in the combined virtual classrooms the boys already have at the following times:

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday at 2pm Year 3 and 4: Wednesday at 2pm Year 5 and 6: Thursday at 2pm

Class teachers will go through this with pupils on Monday.

3. Update 3 – Head Boy

Now that we have got used to our new timetable and are having Celebration Assembly on a weekly basis, it is time to decide on our final term's Head Boy. Teachers will be voting this week and the Summer Term Head Boy will be announced at Friday's assembly.

Feedback

Once again, thank you for all your positive and constructive feedback. It is really helping us shape our online school to meet the needs of all our pupils. Additionally, thank you for listening to our feedback last week. It has made a real difference and there is only one request from teachers this week.

1 Please can you help us in making sure pupils do not join meetings before the teacher. You will know the teacher is present because their initials will be displayed.

Thank you so much for your help with this matter.

Timetable

The timetable will remain the same.

Timings and example lessons for - Monday to Thursday (Year 5 and 6 subjects may vary but the time slot is the same)

Time	Lesson
8:50	Login and registration
9:00	English/EYFS Whole Class Activity
10:00	Break – away from screen
10:30	Maths/EYFS Small Group Activities
11:30	Break – away from screen
12:00	Physical Exercise/Group Support Time/Finish off and upload assignments
13:00	Lunch – away from Screen
14:00	TOI/EYFS Whole class activity
15:30	Form Time

Friday Timetable

Time	Lesson
8:50	Login and registration
9:00	Celebration Assembly
10:00	Break - away from screen
10:30	English/EYFS Whole Class Activity
11:30	Break - away from screen
12:00	Maths/EYFS Small Group Activities

13:00	Lunch – away from screen
14:00	TOI/EYFS Whole class activity
15:30	Form Time

Safeguarding and Pastoral - No changes but always worth reminding ourselves

The Online School will bring new safeguarding and pastoral challenges. We ask that people communicate any concerns to us as soon as possible. I am the safeguarding lead and I am supported by Mr Suttie. You can email and arrange to speak to either if you have any safeguarding concerns.

With online lessons happening we request that parents are to be in the room with the child for any 1-2-1 meetings. It is vital that this is followed for the safety of the children and St Edwards teachers. We also ask that no photographs or videos are taken and any interactive activity must not be downloaded, shared, or passed on.

Technical issues

If you are finding it hard to use the system or are having technical difficulties contact me and I will arrange someone to get in touch and support you. jonathan.parsons@stedwardsprep.com

Other Issues

Please contact us if you have any other issues or feedback. This system will be refined and updated as we progress. Any feedback you have is welcomed. Please contact the headmaster or me on the emails below.

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