

Remote Learning: Parent/Carer Guide

Dear Parents and Carers

In these much publicised and apparent unprecedented times, we have created the following guide with ideas on how you can best support your child/ren at home.

These are guidelines only and will vary depending on your specific individual circumstances.

1. Routine

Create a timetable that has routine to ensure your child/ren are organised. Co-creating this with your son/ daughter will be beneficial. We would advise core subjects to be covered in the morning. An example KS3 one is:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-10	Maths	Maths	English	Science	Science
10-11	English	Science	Maths	English	Maths
Break					
1130-12	Science	English	Science	Maths	English
12-13	Art	PE/ dance	History	Music/dance	French
Break					
2-3	Drama/dance	Geography	DT FOOD	Spanish	Photography

Your child should be being set the following:

KS4 1 hour per day for each core (English, Maths, Science) 2 hours per week for options

KS3 1 hour per day for each core (English, Maths, Science) **1-2** hours per week for all other subjects

2. Class charts

Class charts will be uploaded with work for your child/ren to complete, so ensure this can be accessed via the Class charts log in. Where class charts cannot be accessed, remote packs for learning have been left in reception for you/your child/ren to collect and sign for.

3. Flexible creative learning

The next few weeks/months may be a challenging time for all and we do not expect your child/ren to be working constantly, but learning is important and there are many ways in which learning can take place. Therefore, please feel free to educate your child in ways which you know will continue to engage their interest. This may include learning practical skills that you can pass on. There are many ways to learn beyond academic, formal study and where suitable, we urge you to do this.

Do what you are able to do, considering your own personal circumstances. Keeping your child happy and content will mean they will learn better and be able to deal with foreseeable events.

An overview of the curriculum will be put on the website, so feel free to adapt this.

Ideas may include:

- Cooking/ gardening/painting/cleaning/meditation/building
- Creating a video diary to keep as a moment in current History

- Interviewing elderly relatives (via the phone/social media/skype) and creating a record of their life/ a family tree

Being outside in the fresh air is good for you if you maintain suitable social distancing measures.

Please email c.bowers@hasla.org.uk should you wish to discuss any of the above or if you need some more ideas.

4. Contact

All your teachers are on hand, during the school day and all school email details for students have been supplied to the students and teachers for communication through the academy portal. This is to ensure work being completed is being marked and misconceptions in learning is addressed so as we keep learning to a maximum and disruption to a minimum.

Please ensure you continue to keep in contact with your child's teacher, where needed.

The email format for teachers is

Initial.surname@hasla.org.uk for example j.jones@hasla.org.uk

The email format for students is

usernames@students.hasla.org.uk

j.smith.15@students.hasla.org.uk

Students will be able to submit work using their Office 365 accounts. Staff will ask all students to submit work via allocated school email accounts. Due to GDPR students will not be able to email from their personal accounts.

Bear with us

Please remember these are challenging times for all of us, and some teachers may also be trying to cope with health issues, childcare or caring for an elderly relative. We are doing what we can, we will be operating, as instructed on a skeleton staff and I know we all hope things will settle as time goes on. In the event of a concern that you feel is urgent, please email any of the SLT, following the link. <http://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/about/staff>

If your concern is not so urgent, please email your child's form tutor or teacher for support.

5. Other websites

Below is a list of websites for you to look at, should you need further learning support/ideas.

Seneca learning	Create your own free account by logging onto: https://www.senecalearning.com/
BBC Bitesize Revision www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize	A fantastic online resource for all to access:

Headspace www.headspace.com	A meditation app for mindfulness
GCSE pod https://www.gcsepod.com/	An online resource to support GCSE students
www.twinkl	They are offering free online resources for one month. Please sign up and use the code: CVDTWINKLHELPS
The School Trip https://theschooltrip.co.uk/59-places-you-can-download-free-teaching-resources	An exhaustive list of online resources and lessons from the Art Galleries, Royal Shakespeare Company, London Zoo and Imperial War Museum to name a few.
Heggarty maths	Any problems regarding access and/or passwords, please email your child's teacher, by clicking on the photograph http://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/about/staff
Bedrock English	Any problems regarding access and/or passwords, please email your child's teacher, by clicking on the photograph http://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/about/staff
https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/	Range of games and videos geared towards SEN students
https://www.khanacademy.org	Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level.
https://scratch.mit.edu/	Create stories and games

Duolingo	Learn a new language.
https://www.futurelearn.com/	Some really interesting courses that can be studied for higher ability students
https://www.open.edu/openlearn/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIzenRoayk6AIViLPtCh2LtgWgEAAAYASAAEgL83vD_BwE	Open Learn-courses for higher ability students to look at
https://developers.google.com/blockly	A computer programming website
https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/	National Geographic games to support learning
https://thekidshouldseethis.com/	Range of educational videos
https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home	Excellent History resources
https://world-geography-games.com/	Fun games for geography
https://artfulparent.com/10-things-to-do-at-home-with-kids/	Art activities for you to do with your children
https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse	A selection of really interesting videos. Lots of History ones.
https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/	Phonics and spelling work for more SEN students

As always, we thank you, as parents and carers for your support for the academy and for our care of our students. We appreciate these are challenging times with government directives, guidance and advice, rapidly changing rendering information redundant soon after publishing.

However, the commitment and will of our staffing body to support your children, either remotely or within the academy, is unflinching and we urge you to communicate with your child's/ren's class teacher, tutor or member of our leadership team, if you have any concerns.

As always we wish you the best of health.

Kindest regards

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