

Pinehurst School Online: Primary!

How Pinehurst School Online works for Primary students

We are offering a full online programme for Primary students during the time that Pinehurst School Online is open. There will be lots to do! But – this is important – we trust our parents to work out what is best for their children at this time. It is okay if you decide that your child needs a break, and we have structured it to enable you to manage school and family life in a way that doesn't make you tear your hair out!

How it all works:

- Communication between parents and teachers will be through **Seesaw** as usual
- All online teaching and learning will be done in the **Teams** app
- **Teachers will be available online to teach directly, answer questions and give feedback from 8:45 am to 3:15 pm every day.** We will provide a full online teaching programme, as if we were in the classroom and actively teaching, so students will be able to have questions answered and able to communicate with teachers throughout the day (with ongoing feedback given) as they work through their lessons.
- All lessons are available for the whole day as a recording and can be completed at a time that suits your family. Lessons will continue to be available once they have been set but it is a good idea to do them on the day otherwise work will pile up and students will get overwhelmed. Remember that we want to support you – there is no pressure on students to complete work if that does not suit your family.
- Lessons follow the *normal daily timetable* and full lessons are uploaded by teachers to Teams that morning. For example, if your child has Reading, Writing, Maths, Science, Social Studies/Global Perspectives and PE on Monday, full lessons will be uploaded that morning by 9am for each of those curriculum areas by the person who would normally teach them. If there is a double period of a curriculum area, i.e. a double Science block, then two lessons will be uploaded for that subject that day
- We won't be doing large numbers of uploads in advance – new lessons will be uploaded each morning. Extended projects may be sent out, but these will be additional to the daily lesson
- At 9am each morning, class teachers will start with a live video feed on Teams, saying good morning to students, going over the timetable for the day, giving any instructions for the day's online learning schedule, directing students to where to look, reminders about what they need to do, and generally just letting students know we are there and available and ready for the day. Students can watch this at any point in the day
- If there are further instructions or direction needed throughout the day then teachers can go live to explain in more detail or just to keep students engaged and on track.

And a little more information!

- Students should continue with Maths Whizz and Reading Eggs plus their daily reading.

- Mrs Jones Hill will read to Years 0-3 each day and Ms Coxon will read to Years 4-6. This will be available as a recording on Teams and is a way to keep connections with school and add some normality to the day.
- We would like students to engage with their lessons every day, but please remember that your children will be one to one at home and so it will probably take them less time to complete than if they were in class. We do quite a lot of collaborative learning in class and so they will only have family members to 'work' with, not groups of 5 students.
- **If you have any concerns or questions please contact your child's teacher on Seesaw. Please bear with us as we all adapt to a new way of learning: we will improve things as we go. If your child is hungry, tired or needs a brain break they will not be at their best, so make sure you have fun with your child at this time. If it's causing tension, tears or fights: it's time for a break!**
- We will post some links to brain breaks for you on Seesaw. Try to make the day as normal as possible so that your child feels secure with routines. Try as well to stop children seeing the news if possible: the less time they spend worrying about the world outside, the better they will feel.

And please just ask Mrs Coxon if you have any questions your class teacher cannot answer.

And have fun!