



“Success for Every Child”



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Dear Parents,

[Here](#) is a video to update you on our Distance Learning Protocols, the text is below if you prefer to read. Our new parent survey is [here](#), please take 2-3 minutes to update us regarding the distance learning experiences of your child, we really value your feedback.

As we come to the end of three weeks of distance learning it is timely for us to update you on enhancements we are making and clarify the KJS distance learning protocols.

We have now had 485 parents respond to our online survey, student feedback to teachers and parents feedback directly to teachers. From this we know we are making positive progress and we also know that understanding more about your home situation helps us to personalise learning.

Three key areas we are going to talk about today:

- Learning tutorials and Google Meet/ Zoom
- Student engagement
- mistake making and Feedback

Learning tutorials, Google Classroom and Google Meet/ Zoom

At the KJS the most effective way we can deliver learning experiences to primary children who are in Hong Kong and around the world is via teacher created tutorials, screencasts, Seesaw and google classroom. This allows families to access learning when it suits them best.

Google Meet or Zoom will be used to connect children with their peers, teachers and teacher aids and provides opportunity for social interaction, relationship building, clarification of learning expectations and problem solving. Google Meet and Zoom are a time for interaction between children and their teachers and respectfully, not for parents, especially as there are multiple children in all of our online meet ups. Please support your child but leave them to talk and respond in the meet up.

Student engagement

As much as possible please let children do the learning. If parents do the work for students then we will have an unhelpful picture of progress and achievement. This will then impact future learning experiences. If a child is finding the learning too difficult please tell your child's teacher rather than doing it for them as this will allow us to personalise learning for your child.

Our expectations regarding engagement and completion of learning experiences will be influenced by you as a family and your priorities and situation at any given time. If for some reason your child cannot engage for the whole day, or misses a day, just let us know so we are in the loop and can be supportive.

Mistake making and Feedback

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One of the reasons you will have enrolled your child at KJS is that we value mistakes as learning opportunities. The same applies when they are learning via distance at home. Please allow your child to make mistakes as they are completing their learning and we will support next steps. Please reinforce to your child that without mistake making we don't learn.

Providing feedback that is personalised and moves children on with their learning takes time. Please note that teachers cannot give feedback to every piece of learning uploaded as they are also hosting online meetings with students, planning and preparing tutorials and managing hundreds of uploads and emails daily.

Conclusion

There is a new survey this week with the same questions as our last survey. It will take you a maximum of 5 minutes. Let's see if we can exceed the 485 parents who completed our last survey!

Your feedback makes a difference.

Thank you to the parents who have written, called, and passed on messages when they have collected devices. Your feedback has been very encouraging. Our team at KJS are doing an immense job and are passionately working to ensure success for every child via distance learning. We know that in homes in Hong Kong and around the world, parents and helpers of KJS children are also working very hard in some challenging situations to support the AAROW's of success for their child- Achievement, Agency, Respect, Opportunity and wellbeing.

Chromebooks and iPads are still available, just complete the online registration and then come on in, we would love to see you.

Please take care, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you very soon. Thank you

Kind regards

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