



Ellerslie School
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Online Learning Information 25th March 2020



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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

As you know, our school has been closed as directed by the NZ Government. While our school site is closed, it is our hope that learning for all of our students will continue at home. You can help your child by supporting and encouraging their learning at home, every day.

Teacher directed online learning: Teachers will be providing online learning to students in their Guardian Group during set dates over the next 4 weeks.

- **Online learning begins:** Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March
- **NO online learning: Monday 30th March - Tuesday 14th April, due to School Holiday**
- **Online learning resumes:** from Wednesday 15th April (start of Term 2). Online learning will continue from this date until the school site reopens to staff and students.

Teachers will be using online platforms to provide new learning tasks in reading, writing and maths each day.

- Years 0 - 4: SeeSaw
- Years 5 - 8: Google Suite using student's school google account (Google Classroom, Google Email and Google Drive)

Students are encouraged to log in to their SeeSaw account or school Google account every day to access these learning tasks set by their Guardian Group teacher.

If you or your child have questions about the learning, please email your child's Guardian Group teacher before or after the school holidays and during regular school hours (8.50am - 2.45pm).

We understand that learning at home will be very different from a normal day at school. We encourage you to support your child's learning in a way that is manageable for your family. For home learning to be effective, it is important that there is a variety of activities that are carried out in short time frames while also allowing for regular breaks. It is also important that during the day your child spends the right amount of time off their devices. As well as long breaks throughout the day, the 20-20 rule is a helpful guide:

THE 20-20 RULE to reduce the effect of digital eye strain



Take a break for
20 seconds...



...walk 20
metres away...



...and look at
something
20 feet away...



...every 20
minutes

Keeping in mind what is manageable for you, here are a couple of examples of possible timetables for home learning:

Example 1:

9.00 - 9.30	Academic Time	Reading, writing or maths learning set by class teachers
9.30 - 10.00	Morning Exercise/ Break	Walk, bike, play outside, yoga depending on your circumstances
10.00 - 10.30	Academic Time	Reading, writing or maths learning set by class teachers
10.30 - 11.00	Creative Time	Drawing, painting, lego, construction, playing music, singing, baking, cooking
11.30 - 12.00	Midday Exercise	Walk, bike, play outside, yoga depending on your circumstances
12.00 - 12.30	Lunch	
12.30 - 1.00	Quiet Time	Reading, movie, puzzles, yoga, mindfulness, nap
1.00 - 1.30	Academic Time	Reading, writing or maths learning set by class teachers
1.30 - 2.00	Afternoon Exercise/ Break	Walk, bike, play outside, yoga depending on your circumstances
2.00 - 2.30	Academic Time	Reading, writing or maths learning set by class teachers
2.30 - 3.00	Creative Time	Drawing, painting, lego, construction, playing music, singing, baking, cooking

Example 2:

9.00 - 10.00	Morning Exercise	Walk, bike, play outside, yoga depending on your circumstances
10.00 - 11.00	Academic Time	Reading, writing and maths learning set by class teachers
11.00 - 12.00	Creative Time	Drawing, painting, lego, construction, playing music, singing, baking, cooking
12.00	Lunch	
12.30 - 1.30	Quiet Time	Reading, movie, puzzles, yoga, mindfulness, nap
1.30 - 2.30	Academic Time	Reading, writing and maths learning set by class teachers
2.30 - 3.30	Afternoon Exercise	Walk, bike, play outside, yoga depending on your circumstances

Online Safety:

As we embark on this online learning journey, students' safety online is paramount. Your child's school email account is under the school domain which allows teachers to regularly access and monitor students' usage. However, it is **vital** that parents/caregivers also monitor your child's online activity while they are at home.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's online safety while using their school email or SeeSaw account, please email your child's Guardian Group teacher. Alternatively, you may report any cyber safety incidents and/or concerns to Netsafe:

1. Email help@netsafe.org.nz
2. Free text Netsafe to 4282
3. Complete a form at netsafe.org.nz/report.

While students complete online learning, they are expected to adhere to the Ellerslie School online safety and user agreements. Please follow this link if you wish to review this document - [Ellerslie School online safety, information and user agreements](#).

If you have any queries regarding your child's online learning, please email your child's Guardian Group teacher.

Ngā mihi nui
Nick Butler
Principal

Websites to support additional learning at home:

[The Ministry of Education Parents Page](#) contains suggestions to support learning at home for years 1 to 8 in reading, writing and maths.

[Learning from Home](#) and [Ki te Ao Mārama](#) are two new websites from the Ministry of Education to support learning from home. The websites include resources for parents and whānau, teachers and leaders. Resources span the learning pathway from early learning through to senior secondary, and more resources will be added as they're developed.

Literacy:

[Storyline Online](#) is an award winning children's literacy website. It features celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

[Kiwi Kids News](#) is the news website for New Zealand students and teachers. Three or four relevant news articles are uploaded each day during term time.

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) website is a free resource that provides you and your children with exciting articles and stories, videos and fun learning challenges. They can go on virtual field trips, meet best-selling authors or dig deep into a topic they love.

Maths:

[NZ Maths](#) is a Ministry of Education website that provides families with ideas to support the maths taught at school, as well as ideas to incorporate maths in everyday experiences at home.

[Mathplayground](#) is an American website that provides web based maths games that cover a wide range of mathematical skills and levels.

[Khan Academy](#) provides video tutorials on a range of maths skills for Years 1 to 8.

Fitness:

[GoNoodle](#) has been a trusted website for use in schools for the last 6 years. They have now developed a free online resource for parents. It offers free movement, yoga and mindfulness videos, and off screen home activities.

[Cosmic Kids](#) has a variety of videos that use storytelling to lead young learners through yoga, mindfulness and relaxation activities.

Music:

[Incredibox](#) is a music app that lets you create your own music. You can add pre-recorded rhythms, melodies and effects to create a whole tune.

[Music Teacher](#) is a website created by a music teacher in America. It includes videos, photos and music compositions from former students. It provides games, quizzes and resources on a variety of musical concepts.

Typing:

[Typing Club](#) provides video tutorials and online practice to improve touch typing skills.

[Dance Mat Typing](#) is an online typing resource from the BBC that teaches correct hand placement and touch typing.

Virtual Tours:

[San Diego Zoo](#) has a website just for kids with amazing stories, activities, videos and games.

[Museums and Art Galleries](#) has access to online exhibits from a wide variety of museums and art galleries from around the world. *Parental discretion advised* - some art gallery content may be inappropriate for children.

[Explore Livecams](#) allows you to watch live and recorded footage of a variety of different animals in their natural habitats.