

Accessing learning from home during school closure

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Key message

- ▶ During the forthcoming school closure, you will need to engage with lesson content **as per your usual timetable** (i.e. when you are scheduled to be taught a lesson during the day).
- ▶ You should check **Google Classroom** for instructions at the **beginning of each lesson**
- ▶ Teachers will use a **variety of tools** to deliver lesson content, collect and assess work, and provide feedback
- ▶ Your teacher will have spent significant time preparing the lesson, and so our usual **high expectations** surrounding engagement and effort are expected

Asking for help and receiving support

- ▶ As we would expect in lessons, if you are finding something difficult, need further explanation or are struggling with a task, you must ask for help
- ▶ Your teachers will be monitoring their MySandstorm email regularly, and so questions can be sent to them via this means
- ▶ **Do not be afraid to ask for help**
- ▶ Teachers understand that it may not be possible to complete all work set – all we ask is that you try your best. We will be considerate around consequences so please don't worry if you face technical problems or other barriers to completing the work.

Things to consider and check

- ▶ What device will you use to engage with learning in a digital/virtual environment?
 - ▶ This could be your tablet device you bring to school
 - ▶ Or, for some tasks, if you have a laptop or desktop PC, this might be more suited
- ▶ Install key apps onto your tablet device if you do not have them already – Google Classroom, Drive, Quizizz, EdPuzzle, Padlet, Seneca, etc.
- ▶ Always sign into apps using your school **MySandstorm** account
- ▶ Ensure you have all of the materials you need with you at home – exercise books, text books, other materials (coloured pencils, highlighters, etc)

Google Meet: Virtual learning environment

- ▶ For some lessons (particularly in KS4 and KS5) your teachers may deliver a lesson virtually via **Google Meet**
- ▶ This is an incredibly powerful platform that allows teachers to share their screen with you, provide spoken instruction and enables interaction between you and your teacher
- ▶ You teacher will post a link to the Meet via Google Classroom
- ▶ When you click the link, it will take you to the Meet via the app (if installed on your device) or open in your web browser
- ▶ Simple instructions have been sent to you via email from Mr Allday showing step-by-step how to connect to a Google Meet – please ensure these are kept safe so you can refer to them

Expectations when using Google Meet

- ▶ Follow all instructions given by your teacher
- ▶ Mute your microphone and hide your camera when you join Google Meet
- ▶ Use the chat function only if your teacher asks you to do so
- ▶ You must leave the Meet when instructed to do so by your teacher
- ▶ Your teacher is the only person who can accept invitations from people requesting to join
- ▶ You must not record or screen capture any parts of the live lessons
- ▶ Remember that when you are on your school account all activity is logged
- ▶ Thank you for respecting the virtual learning environment: it is being set up for your benefit
- ▶ Should these rules not be adhered to, your parent/carer will be contacted.