



Distance Learning Policy 2020-21

Distance Learning for Loydence Academy

Loydence Academy is committed to ensuring the continuity of the learning for students under these exceptional circumstances. It is our duty to ensure students receive high quality instruction to ensure the continuity of education through an online program.

The success of our Distance Learning endeavour relies on partnership and is dependent on careful planning by our key stages, appropriate student motivation and engagement, and strong parent support for this alternative mode of instruction.

Distance Learning Platforms

The following online platforms support both Distance Learning and student/family collaboration to ensure a quality student learning experience when planning and delivering remotely:

Early Years: Phonics Play, Letters & Sounds, Daily Motion, Phonics Bloom, Topmarks, Splashmaths, Oxford Owl, Youtube, Jolly Phonics

Key Stage 1: Active Learn, TTRS, Read Theory, Jolly Phonics, Phonics Play, Youtube

Key Stage 2: Read Theory, TTRS, Math-aids, Math Antics, Youtube

In addition to the above resources, we encourage parents to contact the class teacher via Class Dojo, Classroom comments, or email. Live chats with the class teachers will be held via Google Meets and accessed through Google Classroom. The children's email addresses have been distributed through Class Dojo and enable the students to access GMail, Google Classroom and Google Hangouts.

How will my child's distance learning be delivered?

- From Preschool to Year 3, lessons will be pre recorded and posted with any connected activities and useful links on Google Classroom daily. There will be a compulsory daily check-in online for the children to see and speak to their teacher and classmates. It is during this live lesson that the teacher will complete a register. If the live calls are not attended, your child will be marked absent.
- From Year 4 to 6, there will be activities, supporting relevant videos and material posted daily on Google Classroom. There will be live lessons daily, which are compulsory and can be accessed through Google Classroom. It is during this

live lesson that the teacher will complete a register. If the live calls are not attended, your child will be marked absent.

- Details of timetables will be released in due course.

When will activities be sent?

E Learning will be submitted daily by the teacher for both English and Arabic.

- Teachers will have a live video chat with the whole class during the set times, which will be detailed in the near future.
- All links and tasks can be found on Google Classroom.
- Any printed activities will be available for collection on Thursdays for the following week's lessons, as well as being sent digitally on Google Classroom.
- A newsletter detailing the following week's learning objectives will be sent on Thursdays via Google Classroom.

What does my child need at home?

The school will provide the stationery required, along with printed materials, which can be collected in advance of a week's lessons. Alternatively, all materials are also available on Google Classroom.

While we have made every effort to avoid siblings in different classes using devices for live lessons, in some cases it might be necessary to use multiple devices to deliver lessons to one household. Preschool to Year 3 live calls can be completed on a phone or tablet if the household computer is not available and for this reason, children in years 4-6 should take priority with laptops and computers.

The MoEHE guidance for the specifications on the computers children are expected to have access to at home are as follows:

- Operating system: Windows 10 (Version 1809 or later), or Mac OS X10.13 or later.
- CPU speed: 1 GHz
- Memory: 512 MB
- Hard disk space: 5 GB
- Internet connection: Fixed internet connection with a minimum of 2 Mbps/ High speed broadband.
- Browser: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari, Firefox

- High speed broadband
- Microsoft Teams – Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome
- Fixed internet connection with a minimum of 4 Mbps without camera
- Fixed internet connection with a minimum of 6 Mbps with camera

Is it compulsory to complete all activities?

We actively and strongly encourage this and will contact parents if work is not complete. While we understand the challenges Distance Learning provides, attendance is compulsory, including online live lessons. Many parents are still at work during the day and struggle to access activities during school hours and for this reason, we allow a one day period to submit work. We are here to support your child as best as possible and please contact your class teacher as necessary with questions regarding this.

Assessments

Children are assessed based on the tests that are given in the designated assessment weeks as well as the classwork they have completed through the term. Failure to complete tasks or late submissions will affect your children's reports. As per MoEHE direction, summative assessments will only be delivered on in-school days and not via distance learning.