

NPSC VIRTUAL LEARNING TIPS FOR PARENTS OF ONLINE LEARNERS

CREATE A SPACE FOR LEARNING

If you haven't already, create a designated, distraction-free area for your child to learn that is not in their bedroom, even if it's a corner of the dining room table. Invite your child to prepare for the school day by getting dressed and enjoying a meal, knowing that when they enter this space, they are beginning their learning for the day. Having this designated space will help foster learning, curiosity, and creativity.



COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR TEACHER

You are an important partner in your child's education with their teachers. Two-way communication with your child's teacher is essential to your child's success. If you would like to speak with a teacher, set up an appointment by reaching out to them on Edsby. As is the case with in-person school, online class time is meant for your child to explore and learn. If you have any concerns, please speak with your teacher directly.



ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Like in-person school, students are encouraged to problem-solve, take risks, and advocate for themselves. The school day is their time to connect with their teacher and fellow students, just like they would in the classroom. Check on them and give them space to learn with their class.

SET EXPECTATIONS

The virtual school involves integrating your child's academic schedule with your family's routine. The Ministry of Education mandates the amount of time a child should be engaged in learning activities. Chat with your child and other family members to explain your expectations for the day. Don't expect your child to be online the entire time and take opportunities when you can to have your child work offline.

TAKE BREAKS AND BE PATIENT AND KIND

Encourage your child to take advantage of their scheduled breaks to incorporate exercise, just like they would during recess. Movement has many benefits for children, especially when it comes to learning. It can help improve focus, thinking and problem-solving.



Virtual learning is a new experience for many parents, students, and teachers. We all need to work together to make this school year a success. To do that we need to be patient and kind to each other, and with ourselves. Although we strive to create a consistent schedule, plans will shift. We are all navigating virtual learning the best we can. Please be kind to your child's teacher. Your child's well-being and academic success is their primary focus. Your patience will allow them to become better virtual educators, and it will foster innovation so all students can realize their full potential.