

## King David Parent Information for Online Learning

Thank you for working with us to support our students. We are working hard to provide a meaningful learning experience for “our kids”. You will no doubt be receiving much communication from us; from the administration, classroom teachers, learning support staff, and counsellors. We apologize and will try to centralize a repository of communications and ask for your patience as we get ourselves up to speed.

We have shared with your children a guide with information to get them started with online learning. Becoming accustomed to learning in this way will take time and patience; we are asking our students and teachers to make a very drastic change in a very short period of time. Our overall approach is to go slowly and over time, once more of a routine is established, this will become easier for everyone to navigate. To start, we need understanding and a flexible mindset.

Students will have a “regular” school day and schedule each week, Monday to Friday. Each day, we will run a compressed schedule according to the table below. Students will have all their classes on each day including Friday 1 and Friday 2 according to the school calendar.

Daily Online Class Schedule	
Block 1	9:30-10:15
Block 2	10:25-11:10
Block 3	11:20-12:05
Lunch	12:05-12:35
Block 4	12:35-1:20
Block 5	1:30-2:15

Teachers will be available for “office hours” each day for approximately an hour after Block 5.

On Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow), teachers will have a trial run for all Thursday classes. Students are asked to check Moodle for each of their classes for instructions from their teachers. These will likely be brief “check-ins” to test the technology and troubleshoot any issues. **Regular classes will begin on Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** and run until Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. After the Passover break, school will begin again online.

Online, virtual lessons will be held through Zoom, which is a web-based conferencing tool. It is free to download and easy to use. Students will need internet access and a device in order to participate. Please let us know if this poses a challenge for your family.

Moodle will be the primary source for all information for students and parents. For each class, teachers will post instructions for the day, links to virtual classes, Google Classroom and more. Teachers will also post the usual content including due dates for assignments, uploaded documents and summaries of the day’s lesson.

Students will be required to “attend” school each day according to their regular timetable. Along with advancing their learning in each subject, having a schedule for school each day offers our students some

degree of normalcy, routine and a connection with their teachers and school. With the student handout, please review with your child the tips for success to ensure they are working in a place in the home where they can focus and participate positively in their online learning.

Eventually, as both teachers and students get into more of a routine, students can expect assignments and homework as usual. Teachers will instruct students how to submit work and the details of assessment. Marks will be posted on PCR as usual.

You and your child can continue to communicate with their class teachers through email. Some teachers may also reach out to your child through Zoom, which can also be used for a one on one conference.

We appreciate your ongoing support during this time. Our teachers have done a remarkable job in working through this transition and they want to provide our students with a meaningful experience in the coming weeks. We will continue to meet as a faculty and work together; we have an amazing group of educators and we're looking forward to see what this experience brings.

Be well,

Alex