

Hele's School

A great place to learn. A great place to grow.



Home Learning: Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for all your feedback in the recent Home Learning survey. We are incredibly proud of the parental and student engagement in the process and wanted to share the following information with you as we move into the second week of home learning.

It's great to see that over 80% of our students are logging in to Classcharts every day! We can also see that the vast majority of you (over 70%) are checking your work in the morning. This is a great habit to get into. Keep it up!

Frequently Asked Questions

I'm finding it hard to motivate and organise myself to work at home. What can I do?

Firstly, don't worry, you're doing a great job! We are only 5 school days into remote learning and it's new for everyone. Experts suggest that it takes 66 days of purposeful practice to create a new habit, and home-schooling is a new habit!

We just want you to try your best, but we don't want this to become a source of stress for you or your family.

Each day simply log on to ClassCharts and complete the work that has been set in line with your timetable, as best you can.

These habits that you get into now will help you to be successful at GCSE and A-level.

How can I manage my workload and deadlines effectively?

Remember that work does not all need to be completed in one go! During this week, try to stick to your normal timetable where possible and do what you can. Email your teachers if you need any help or advice. We know this is a new way of working for you and we are here to help!

I do not have Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc. Can I download Microsoft Office for my computer?

*Yes, and we would strongly recommend this! As a member of the Hele's School learning community, you can download Office 365 **entirely free of charge**. Please follow the instructions in the Home Learning Guide to install the latest version of Office 365 to your laptop/PC/tablet.*

How can I use Knowledge Organisers and learning videos more effectively?

Using your KOs and watching educational videos is a great way to develop essential independent learning skills! Watch the video below and use your KOs and videos to make quizzes for yourself. You could even ask other people in your household to quiz you!

<https://knowledgeorganisers.wordpress.com/self-quizzing/>

Some of the websites suggested by teachers are running slowly. How can I improve this?

Most of our online learning partners have been coping with increased traffic since school closures. However, they have been working hard to cope with the extra demand. There may also be increased internet use in your area resulting in slower download/upload speeds. It may be easier to download work first thing in the morning and save it to your computer. Alternatively, keep a note of slower periods and avoid quizzing at these times.

I have forgotten some of my passwords. How can I reset these?

Please contact the following staff if you have lost passwords for the following websites.

Educake and Seneca

- Mr Wakelin wakelin@heles.plymouth.sch.uk
- Miss Warner warner@heles.plymouth.sch.uk

Doddle

- Mr Fonseca fonseca@heles.plymouth.sch.uk

My Maths and Sparks

- Y7 and 8: Miss Lenden lenden@heles.plymouth.sch.uk
- Y9 and 10: Mrs Lee leeR@heles.plymouth.sch.uk

Who do I contact if I need help with my work?

Remember that you can contact your class teachers via their School email. We are checking our emails every school day and will get back to you with advice! Your form tutor is also available via email for advice and support. A list of staff email addresses can be found on the Hele's School website if you are unsure about a teacher's contact details.

Any general questions or feedback in relation to home learning or ClassCharts, please contact Mr Fonseca, Assistant Principal, via fonseca@heles.plymouth.sch.uk