



VIRTUAL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE POLICY

Should The Súkromná spojená škola British International School Bratislava be forced to close or suspend the provision of on-campus education for any reason, including a Force Majeure Event for one week (or more) the affected school will implement the Nord Anglia Virtual School Experience (VSE). Virtual Schooling shall form part of the one-off exceptional support that the school may provide to parents and students in such circumstances.

Virtual Schooling will be delivered to all our students whatever their age. We do however recognise that the age of the student, and their well-being, mean that it is essential that screen-time is balanced against offline activity. Therefore, our Virtual School Experience will:

- Be a mixture of live synchronous contact with the student's teacher(s) and asynchronous personal learning activity (independent study), undertaken online or offline, against their normal curriculum, whilst at home;
- Use designated technology platforms where student assignments can be set and submitted together with downloadable content for students and parents;
- Include provision for a student's physical, social, emotional, creative, aesthetic needs as well as academic learning (this may include activities such as musical instrument tuition and performance, undertaking science experiments, conversations in foreign languages and an engaging range of fun and artistic challenges);
- Continue to connect students (provided they previously had access) through our Global Campus, where students can collaborate and create world-class ideas. Students work remotely together, solving challenges like those set by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or collaborating on solutions for UNICEF's Sustainable Development Goals; and
- Ensure that safeguarding and child protection are given as high a priority as they would be on campus at school.

Parents should recognise and understand that their ongoing commitment will be required to ensure that the Student remains engaged and progresses during such virtual schooling.

Education in a Nord Anglia Education school, whether actual or virtual, is a long-term process that aims to meet the needs of every student in a personalised way. Virtual Schooling shall be the agreed temporary replacement for on-campus learning during a Force Majeure Event, however, we acknowledge that it should only be provisional in nature. We commit to continuing to develop the student's education as they prepare to reintegrate and return into physical on-campus schooling. As such, to ensure that our teachers and school leaders are able to operate the virtual School Experience at the optimum level and to maintain the highest quality of teaching when students return to school, parents must continue to pay their normal fees during the provision of the Virtual School Experience. Further details about our Virtual School Experience are available on your school's website and also on the Nord Anglia Education website at the following link: <https://www.nordangliaeducation.com/virtual-school-experience>