



# A guide to your child's Nord Anglia *Virtual School* Experience

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What can you expect  
from your child's  
Nord Anglia  
*Virtual* School  
Experience?



## What you can expect from the Nord Anglia Virtual School Experience

### *1. Learning through the curriculum*

Wherever your family is in the world right now, we look forward to welcoming your child into their classroom through our Nord Anglia Virtual School Experience.

Your child can participate in lessons and learning opportunities with their world-class teachers, receive and share play based projects and activities, share these with their classmates, develop essential skills independently, and be recognised for their outstanding work.

Our virtual school experience will deliver creative and inspiring lessons to your child, ensuring they continue to learn against their normal curriculum, whilst staying healthy and safe at home. As well as allowing teachers to make sure students stay on track, our virtual school experience is about providing rich learning opportunities, so our students are ready to return to campus when the time is right. From PE lessons to music activities, phonics practice, science experiments to maths lessons, you'll be amazed at what your child can do from home!







## What you can expect from the Nord Anglia Virtual School Experience

### *2. 9,000 Connected Teachers*

Our global team of world-class teachers have all the best tools they need to share best practice and ideas for optimising your child's personalised learning experience through their virtual school. Whether it's daily movement challenges set by some of our PE teachers or in the moment learning suggestions to help keep children engage, our global scale means your child will benefit from the creativity and commitment of our 9,000 talented teachers worldwide.



# Making the most of a *virtual* EYFS school day...

1.



Sign into Class Dojo first thing in the morning

2.



Check class story for any updates or shared learning

3.



Watch stories, songs, Phonic/ Maths sessions posted by the teachers

4.



Complete tasks on the Learning Grid, engage in In The Moment learning and play based activities on the suggested theme

5.



Check emails regularly for updates and send photos of your child's day to the teacher

6.



Check the expectations for the week which the school will update



# Top tips for parents

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## The *right* learning space

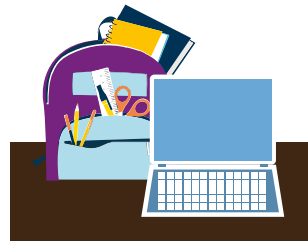
It is really important that your child has a designated space at home for their learning. Identify a practical area in your home which your child can use purely for learning and is separate from where they eat, sleep and socialise. This doesn't need to be a separate room, but a designated area is key. It maybe useful to have a flat, hard surface for them to complete the more directed tasks or for mark making. The area should be as quiet as possible, have good lighting and without any obvious distractions.

Encourage your child to see the difference between a 'chill' space and a 'learning' space. For example, if your child typically does their study in the kitchen, ensure that another area is study free so they can take a break.

For a seamless school day, try to make sure you have a stable internet connection.







## The *tools* for the job

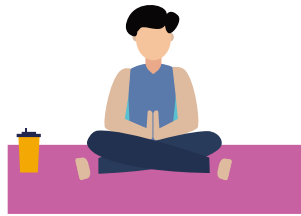
Your child will be completing all their learning through their virtual school, both online and offline. Parents will have received all the details they need on how to log in, but if they run into any problems or have any questions, they should ask their child's teacher.

Our virtual school experience allows your child to check in each day, watch lessons, receive and submit projects and activities, all in one location. It's vital parents have a device that supports this.

Even though some of your child's learning is now done online, having access to toys, pens, pencils, paper and other standard school equipment is still equally important for their learning.

Your child's day will run like a normal school day as far as possible, with teachers contactable in real-time between the hours of 8h15 and 16h15, and via email outside of these hours.





## A daily routine

To aid your child's focus, try to develop a daily routine and stick to this as consistently as possible. Approach each day as you would a normal school day.

Think about: setting meal times and providing healthy choices to fuel your child for the day, allocating time for exercise or movement (as much as possible in the space that you have), and sticking to the usual 'school hours' to guide the balance between play-based learning and relaxation time.

Remember that as part of your child's education a good deal of their daily routine will be focussed on offline activity.

We feel as strongly as you do that none of our students should be sat in front of screens all day.

Help where you can to ensure that your child is involved in offline projects set for them and encourage them to be as engaged with the task as possible.







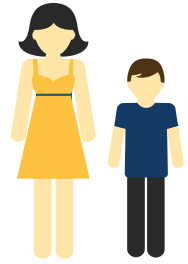
## The *social* side

Being away from their friends could be challenging for your child.

It is important to make time for your child to speak with their friends, exactly as they would at school or in the evening. This could be anything from a phone call to connecting via WhatsApp, for example.

You can also encourage your child to video call their classmates via their parents, to work on their learning tasks collectively. It is the perfect way for children to share ideas, tackle challenges and work together as they would on a normal school day.





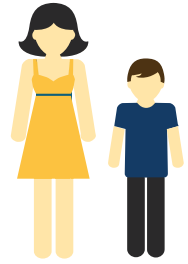
## The *supportive* parent

Our priority is maintaining a sense of normality for your child in this unique set of circumstances, and your support is an integral part of this. It's important that your child engages in a variety of activities with you and independently, as they would during the course of an ordinary school day.

We know it might be tempting to organise their whole day with directed activities. but instead, try to facilitate time in which they can also engage in In The Moment learning. During these times, you can play alongside them (if time permits) to model and move their learning forward.







## The *supportive* parent

We know that this is a challenging and potentially frustrating time for everyone, which makes maintaining a positive home environment more important than ever. Allowing your child to get lots of fresh air by going outside or engaging in physical activities is important too.

Our teachers, support staff and counsellors are here to help and are happy to share ideas to improve the virtual school experience for everyone. It could be anything from guidance on how to read with younger children, to how you can aid older children in their revision.

If you have a question or challenge, please don't hesitate to ask!



## And what if things don't quite go to *plan*?

“Will my child experience challenges?”

Sometimes they might because it won't always be easy - let's be honest. But this is *normal*.

Sometimes they won't feel like taking their learning in the ways we have suggested. In this situation, we would encourage you to go with the children's ideas and try to embed the concepts into the new theme.

“How do I help them through?”

Often the fix can be *simple*...

- Give them a little space – sometimes that's all they need
- Do offer to help – a lot of the time they'll be glad you asked
- Suggest they try something different
- Or that they take a short break – a little time to step back and think often helps
- Get them up and moving– try some of our physical activities



Remember we're here to *help*. Get in touch with your child's teacher, if you have any questions.



# We're here to *help*...

Teachers are on hand during the normal school hours to support your child with all their learning needs and you can reach out to them with any questions and queries, as you normally would, through email.

