

From The Principal's Desk – Message to the parents

Dear Parents

While this may be my 10th year as Principal, it is my first experience as a Principal during a pandemic quarantine situation and I approach each day thinking first and foremost about the physical, social, and emotional wellbeing of our students and staff.

Many messages come and go out of my email box, but some leaves an impression, they are the messages that really matter; messages from parents, thanking us for providing opportunities to their wards, to connect and talk to teachers, hear from them and attend interesting and engaging online lessons.

Thank you, parents, for commending and appreciating our teachers for imparting lessons to students on a platform unknown to them earlier but at which they are gaining expertise! We will continue to focus on meeting learning objectives; leveraging student access to tools and resources; and providing the academic and social-emotional support students need.

The continuity of learning plan designed by NPSW is not meant to mirror a typical school day. We look to your support, as an active teacher-parent partnership is necessary for students to get to the next step. Simply put, virtual school can work better when parents take an active role in the child's learning.

During the online class, the teacher serves as a virtual instructor of the subject matter, it would be great if you can offer facilitative support to the learning structure and help your child achieve his/her goals.

Assessment and Teaching learning are complimentary to each other and cannot be segregated or viewed in isolation.

Teachers have been giving the students instructions with absolute clarity as to how assignments are to be turned in. Parents, here is how you can support us and help your child become independent and 'own' their learning:

- Be sure to check in with your child daily, about the distance learning tasks, activities and assessments they are working on.
- Ask your child to provide a brief summary of the learning they are engaging in for each class to ensure their understanding of the content and of the process they are being asked to engage in, to demonstrate their learning.
- Monitor your child's deadline calendar
- Ensure your child is submitting the tasks assigned to them, they could be; submission of writing assignments, sums worked out, worksheets, Quizzes, DIY investigating activities, or submission of note books. They help us to measure progress against learning objectives.
- Please help your child to submit enlarged images of their work in their note book or elsewhere. This would be a great help to teachers to annotate on them.
- Encourage them to complete work to the best of their ability. It is essential that students maintain learning routines, follow the teacher's instructions, and participate daily to get most out of the virtual classes

We thank you once again for your consistent and unwavering support you have always been giving us, as we work to deliver continuity of learning during this challenging time. We appreciate how hard it has been for parents to juggle work commitments and distance learning, sometimes with more than one child at a time.

Regards

Principal

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