

We are certainly living in interesting times and you are probably as surprised as we are to find ourselves having to navigate the uncharted waters of online learning! Nevertheless, this provides us with a wonderful opportunity and your teachers are certainly excited about this “new” approach to education.

So to let you know what you will need and what you can expect – here goes

What you will need:

1. You are going to need your own device with a webcam and microphone and access to the internet. If this is a problem you must communicate this to Mrs Henwood (stacy.henwood@waterford.sz) as soon as possible.
2. Know how to access your Waterford email address and what the password is. (Remember, you simply go to gmail.com. Your username is first four letters of your name followed by the first four letters of your surname @waterforduwc.net eg. Samuel Dlamini’s email address would be samudlam@waterforduwc.net. Press Next and then enter your password and you will be in your school email). If you are stuck, please contact Mrs Henwood (stacy.henwood@waterford.sz)
3. A place to work, your timetable, earphones (if you have them) so you don’t disturb others.
4. On your computer, you will need to have a web browser (preferably Google Chrome).

You can get ready for the possibility of online learning by making sure you have all this in place before 20 April – when we will start!

Delivery of Lessons:

1. Teachers will provide your online lessons for you to work on during scheduled timetable slots (for the lower school in particular). Some of those lessons may be in real time so you will have to be at your computer. Lessons will be recorded during online delivery, to account for time zone differences so they can be shared with students in other time-zones (where applicable).

AND/OR

2. Teachers will record instructional content in advance and make it available to students, with accompanying work set for the scheduled lessons.

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3. Work will be set in advance, with a commitment to be available via video/voice/text chat or via email to provide guidance, answer questions as well as marking/providing feedback on work.

The current timetable will provide structure and ensure that there are clearly identified times, when instruction/guidance can be issued. The timetable should be adhered to as closely as possible to support your organisation and prevent any clashes.

In the event that circumstances arise, which means that you are unavailable at the scheduled time, this must be communicated to your teacher so that an opportunity for guidance/instruction can be provided at an alternative time.

If you are unwell, the regular illness reporting procedures should be followed!

Luckily for us you are all Gen Z students so you are going to find this transition quite manageable 😊