



# UIS WEEKLY- PARENTS READ

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We are missing our beloved students!!!

### REMOTE LEARNING PLAN UPDATE



Thanks to the hard work poured by the UIS fraternity who have made it possible to reconnect with our students. This will in no way fully replicate a physical school experience but we are happy to be with our students.

Engaging in e-learning is new for many students, teachers and families and we have faced a lot of technical glitches and challenges but we appreciate your patience and understanding.

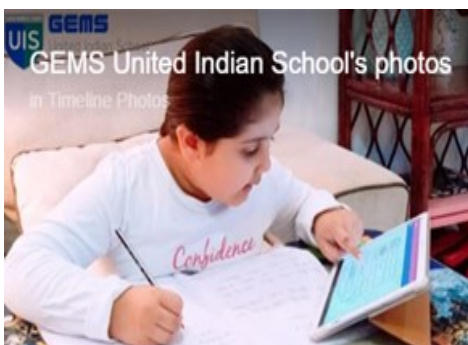
We are amazed to see how our little ones have taken to online learning as a mere cake walk. Thanks for the support parents.

Based on your suggestions and feedback, we have worked to get it right – the work load, an appropriate amount of synchronous versus asynchronous time with students, the expectations of learning and a balance of work time, downtime, play time and family time.

- ◆ The teaching and learning periods have been cut down to 5 periods. excluding the assembly and reflection time.
- ◆ In a week, there will be 25 periods, 15 will be synchronous while 10 periods will be asynchronous. Hence, on a day, a child will be online, on screen for not more than 3 periods. Given the duration of 50 mins. per period, the child will spend two and a half hours on screen.
- ◆ Over all, percentage of synchronous and asynchronous learning for cycle 1 will be in a 60% — 40%
- ◆ All asynchronous classes will be completely offline where in students complete the tasks assigned which will be uploaded on the Phoenix classroom portal.
- ◆ The tasks and activities assigned, will be discussed and reflected in the next synchronous period.
- ◆ The reflection time (1:35 – 2:00pm) will now be asynchronous. The students take the responsibility to reflect on their learning for the day – What I learnt? What I understood? What I did not understand?
- ◆ What the child did not understand will be discussed by the concerned subject teacher the very next day.
- ◆ Videos or links to videos of synchronous learning will be uploaded on the portal.
- ◆ Synchronous learning will be more interactive with audio, visual and hands on resources.
- ◆ In absence of notebooks, parents are requested to maintain the assignments and tasks provided in subject files for future reference.
- ◆ MS Forms will play a very important part in assessments and assignments. MS Forms is a very effective assessment tool providing opportunity to teachers to provide one to one feedback to our students.
- ◆ Keeping in mind the importance of a healthy and fit body with creative minds, we are also encouraging performing arts through asynchronous learning by uploading videos and DIY instructions on the portal.

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### THANK YOU TEACHERS!!!

Learning is most effective when it is a social experience. Our teachers and administrators are striving to maintain social interaction despite mandated social distancing.

We are so very grateful to our teachers for creating positive remote learning environments with instructions and guidance that is appropriate to the age and grade level of students. With that, we are especially grateful to our parents as we know that balancing work, family and school is not easy for anyone. We are always open for further suggestions and queries.



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