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Mistley Norman Virtual School learning rules.

As with most things in life, new experiences come with rules. Here are some rules to help our virtual school to run smoothly and effectively.

- **Please ensure that your children stick to a routine.**

Wake them up at the same time daily and be ready to learn – no pyjamas please! We have attached our 'Get Ready' posters to help. One is motivational and is to remind children what they need to do to be ready for learning. The other is a reward chart – should you wish to use it. There are five boxes on the right-hand side of the page that you can either put stickers or ticks in, each day. We are hoping that this will help your household to run smoothly and avoid confrontations. Particularly if there is a reward at the end!

- **Help your child to learn.**

We know that you are keen to support your child's learning and the most effective way to do that, is to let them be independent during live lessons. Take the chance to have a cup of tea, or do something else! Your child learns well in physical school without you there and will be able to do the same at home. Please try not to sit next to your child and do the work for or with them; that doesn't help them. Our teaching team are here to support your child during their live lessons and all work is pitched to their attainment levels, including challenge and SEN support where needed.

For the second part of the lesson, where your child works independently – without their teacher, please still encourage them to try their best on their own. If they get stuck and ask for help, it can be adult to the rescue! At such times it is always best to support children with guided questions and modelling similar work, as opposed to just helping children to complete a task.

- **No calling out!**

Grown-ups, please try not to ask the teachers questions during the lessons. This is the time for your child to ask as many questions as they need.

- **Sshhhh!**

When your child is in a lesson, they will be put onto mute. This allows them to hear their teacher properly, without lots of little voices clamouring over one another. When your child wants to ask or answer a question, they should use the 'hands-up' button on Teams, and they will be unmuted.

Thank you for your continued support.



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