

# Synchronous Teaching at Saint Benedict

*Nearly everything about teaching has changed for teachers over the past few months except the fact that students need us. And so it's incumbent upon us a profession to learn new methods to reach them as quickly and effectively as possible....The fundamentals of teaching and the relationships that we know from our previous lives still very much apply. We just have to look harder or in different places to see it....we are determined to find simple, replicable ways to do it well and serve our students best.*



Doug Lemov, Uncommon Schools

Teaching in the online classroom – surviving and thriving in the new normal

# Overview



## **A blended approach**

Remote learning is new, and untested, though researchers are beginning to collect and analyse evidence. Following this evidence, we will adopt a blended approach, mixing live lessons, with recorded videos and asynchronous tasks.



## **Scheduling and frequency**

Our scheduling and frequency will ensure that pupils receive regular live teaching.



## **Connection, questioning and feedback**

Live lessons will enable us to focus on areas of teaching that are most difficult with asynchronous learning: building and maintaining connections; questioning pupils to gauge learning, and providing feedback. Pupils have told us that they value the pre-recorded videos that allow them to watch again and again.



## **Access**

Live lessons can take place now that we know that all of our pupils have the technology to access them. Our SEN and ERB teams will continue to ensure that pupils with additional needs have support in place to enable them to learn alongside their peers.



## **Safeguarding**

Protocols are in place to keep staff and pupils safe during live teaching

# Safeguarding



## **Camera view**

Pupils will be reminded every lesson to attend the lesson from a common space, or blur their background if this isn't possible.

Staff should take the same precautions.

## **Recording**

Live sessions will be recorded and uploaded to Microsoft Stream, a secure area that only people in the organisation can access.

The sessions will be uploaded to a channel within the appropriate year group and subject.

## **Chat**

Pupils will be reminded not to use chat unless directed.

The teacher will monitor chat throughout the lesson.

# Before the lesson



## **Check for lessons on Team Satchel or Email**

Pupils will receive invites to lessons via email and reminders on Team Satchell



## **Joining Checklist**

Make sure that you have any equipment you will need for the lesson.

Remember to wear sensible clothes – but you don't need to wear your uniform. No Pyjamas!



## **Location**

Try not to do the lesson from your bedroom. If you are, then keep your background blurred or your camera switched off.

# During the lesson



Keep your webcam off when you enter the lesson. Your teacher will tell you when to turn it on.



Keep your microphones muted unless the teacher asks you a question.  
Use Hands Up if you'd like to speak.



You can use the chat function to ask the teacher questions, or when asked to by the teacher.



You will be asked to do things – like answer questions, just like in a regular lesson.



Be as kind, polite and respectful as you would in a normal school classroom- this is still a lesson!