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# Netiquette for Blended Learning - KG 1 to Grade 12

Greetings from the GMS family!!!

As we continue to come in terms with the new norms of living, September started with a fresh approach to learning. A blended learning style where the students can opt to come to school to learn yet maintain all COVID protocols in class has been challenging yet innovative. The class room setting has changed due to the protocols which has given rise to a set of new netiquette rules to follow to become responsible netizens.

# **FOR STUDENTS**

### 1.Be punctual to class:

"Punctuality is not about being on time but respecting your commitments". Even Online classes should be viewed the same as regular class. Be on time.

# 2.Be presentable:

Please note that when attending classes students are not allowed to be in nightwear/pajamas. They should be wearing casual clothes with neatly combed hair. Kindly refrain from eating during class.

### 3.Be active:

Please be attentive in class and be an active participant.

### 4.Be patient for your turn:

Your teacher is always happy to see your participation, but it should be done through taking turns. Mute yourselves when teacher or peer is talking and raise your hand to ask permission.

#### 5.Be respectful:

"if you won't say it face to face don't say it online either'. Do not use harsh, inappropriate language when communicating online as it's considered a serious offence and will not be taken lightly. Respect others opinion and be humane.

# 6.Be careful:

Please do not share important information like your password to others. Do not post personal information in chat boxes. Do not use the chat boxes during class for unnecessary chit chat This will not be accepted and may lead to disciplinary action.

### 7.Be prompt in submitting work

Knowing how to properly submit your work online is key to your success as an online student. The ground rules for file assignment submissions, like naming conventions, apps to use that help them keep things organized or acceptable file formats should be followed meticiluosly

# **FOR PARENTS**

### 1.Be proactive

Please provide the environment for the student to study as if they have opted for DL the study environment in your control. Provide a seating area free from distractions and have all tools required for study beforehand.

#### 2.Be considerate

Please bear with the teacher in case of network issues and classes will resume as soon as it sorted out. Teachers are always quick to communicate this back with parents. Kindly refrain from contacting the teacher when the class is live, in case of any network issues.

# 3.Use of WhatsApp

Please note that this is an unofficial way of communication solely for the purpose of passing important information from the teacher to the parent. Please contact the teacher at a time slot they allot. Please do not expect the teacher to reply to your queries outside the time slot given unless it's an emergency. We encourage parents to officially mail their queries to the teacher for more pressing issues.

To summarize one should remember whether or not privacy settings are in place, the internet has a tendency to house things forever, and what you say privately can easily become public.

"Digital citizenship is character education in a networked world." Let's be responsible netizens.

Warm regards
Gulf Model school