

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ZANZIBAR VIRTUAL LEARNING PARENT GUIDE



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ISZ Virtual / Emergency Learning Plan

What do I need to do to prepare for this Virtual Learning Plan?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to do the school work.
- Think about what routine you can follow during this time (teachers will provide you with a daily work schedule, but you may need to adapt it to suit your needs).
- Make sure to have basic learning resources at home (pencils, paper, erasers).
- Communicate to your child's teacher how you plan to access the Virtual Learning Plan and provide a Google or Skype address, WhatsApp number and/or phone number for ISZ to reach you.

What do I need to do to support my child's learning during this time?

- Be optimistic, take this unique opportunity to engage in your child's learning and make it a rewarding experience.
- Provide access to the learning materials and support your child to complete them.
- Submit your child's work to the respective class teacher via the appropriate system:
 - For Primary - photos of work sent via email or WhatsApp or hardcopies dropped at school on a weekly basis;
 - For Middle Years and Secondary - via Google Classroom;
- Share feedback provided by the teacher with your child in a timely manner (this is mostly for our younger learners).
- Facilitate and be prepared to participate in online face-to-face interaction with the class teacher.
- Communicate any questions, comments or concerns with the class teacher via email in a timely manner.

What can I expect from my child's teacher?

- Your teacher will provide you with login information for Khan Academy, Oxford Owl, Encyclopedia Britannica and any other relevant learning sites before school closes.
- A weekly email (sent each Monday) outlining the learning activities for the week with a Daily Schedule to follow and a shared folder of all resources in Google Drive.
- Face-to-Face Time via Google, Skype, Zoom or WhatsApp at least once a week.
- Feedback on your child's work on a weekly basis.
- Answers to your emails within 24 hours.

How much time should I spend working with my child?

We understand that parents will be busy juggling responsibilities of work and home. We would suggest that you spend 1-2 hours each day with your child working on their learning activities. If

you have multiple children at school, try to have them work together, have older students support younger ones, and split your time reasonably between them.

How should I structure the day?

Children learn best where there is structure and routine to their day. Teachers will provide you with a learning plan for each day of the week. Depending on your family situation, schedule regular learning time throughout the day, or in the evening if you are working during the day. Break the learning times into chunks to allow for rest and movement in between learning activities.

What can I expect from the Admin team at ISZ?

- Administrators will be available via email, Skype and phone to all members of the ISZ community between the hours of 9am to 5pm Zanzibar time. For emergencies, the Head of School can be reached 24/7.
- The Student Services Coordinator will be available to facilitate basic counseling and support for children or families in crisis.

What if my family does not have a computing device or internet connection?

Transitioning from the classroom to the cloud will require internet access for all our families (desktop, laptop, tablet or phone with internet or mobile data connection). If for whatever reason you do not have access to any one of these devices, the school has a limited supply of iPads we are willing to lend to families in need. Please contact us if this situation applies to your family.

- The school may provide a hard copy option for children who are in Zanzibar and need access to paper copies of work and books for reading. These will be available for collection from the Main Office every Tuesday after 12pm. Please contact the homeroom teacher if you require this option.
- Student work can also be submitted at the Main Office. All work should be clearly labelled with the student's name and year group.
- Teachers can make a phone call to replace face-to-face time to support your child's learning.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during this time. Together, we can ensure that our children will continue to be successful on their learning journey.