


 Tips for parents

What should I do on **Day 1** of home learning?

Teachers have been working hard to plan for home-based learning and have developed lessons that best suit your child.

Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to let you know what to expect and how you can help your child to learn at home.

Here are some tips to make **Day 1** easier:

- **Treat Day 1 as "orientation day"**. It's the first day of a new type of school work for your child.
- **You are not suddenly expected to be a teacher**. Your child's teacher continues to be responsible for their learning by providing a daily work program.
- **Don't worry if things don't go to plan**. It might take a while to work out the resources that are right for you and your child.
- **Talk to your child about their day**. Remind them that even though learning from home is different, it is still a school day.
- **Set up a learning space for your child**. If possible, equip your child with material they will need for learning — pens and paper are a good start.
- **Establish a daily routine — one that works for you**. Your child's teacher will provide you with a learning timetable but remember your routine doesn't have to align with school hours.
- **Check that your child is ready**. They should have the material already provided by their teacher or, if they are involved in online learning, they should have log-in details.
- **Talk to your child about their learning progress**. Ask them what is set out for them to learn on the day. At the end of the day ask them what worked, what didn't go so well, and what might help them do better tomorrow.
- **Remember this is new for teachers too**. Help teachers to teach your child at home. Let them know if you're unsure about any aspect of how it will work for you and your child.