

CSPS Parents' Survival Guide for Home Schooling

Parents/ Guardians,

We are here to support you as best we can in your home schooling adventure. We've assembled a list of some tips and tricks that may help to keep your new students motivated and focused and to keep you sane. We wish you luck, we're here to help, stay safe and well!

The CSPS Team

1. **Check your Google Classroom or Blog** (whichever your class teacher is using) for daily updates.
2. **Keep "home school" as close to the structure of a normal school day as possible**- Start at 9.00 am and use our suggested timetable for each day.
3. **Build in a rewards system**- Use stickers, points or start your own Class Dojo for free at home.
4. **Allow your children some choice and creativity**- Take this as an opportunity for them to explore interest areas, learn new skills and choose their own creative/physical/STEM activities after they have completed their set English and Mathematics work for the day.
5. **Ask your children to complete their bookwork the same way in which they would for their teacher in class** (including, margins, titles and dates) so that they continue to take pride in their work.
6. **Maintain a mix of written work and technology based work.**
7. **Keep it simple**- You don't need a million online programs and worksheets, you just need to follow the activities suggested by your classroom teacher.
8. **Give feedback**- Your "students" will want to know how well they are going.
9. **Ask for help if you need it**- We are here to suggest resources and answer your questions (big or small). You are not alone!
10. **Let your children share with us!** We will miss them and we really want to see some of the amazing work that we know they will be doing. Let them use their Google Classrooms, class blogs and student emails to stay connected to the CSPS community.

Most importantly- Don't panic! We know that not every day will look like this and some days it won't work at all! Just do your best, know that it will get easier with time and remember that we're all in this together.