

E-Learning at the DSKL

On the 16 March, two days ahead of the first Movement Control Order enforced by the Malaysian government, the German School Kuala Lumpur closed its doors because of the increasing number of new infections with SARS-CoV-2 virus and started to implement a system of homeschooling via online learning platforms.



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Chemistry lessons without students.

At DSKL, we are utilising established educational online learning platforms such as Google Classroom, Google Meet, Anton APP and SeeSaw. In preparation for a possible school-closure, staff had been trained in the use of these platforms and for all classes and subjects, digital classrooms were created. This allows students and staff to meet virtually/online and teachers will generally be available during normal school hours. These online platforms support off-campus learning as well as collaboration to ensure a quality student learning experience.

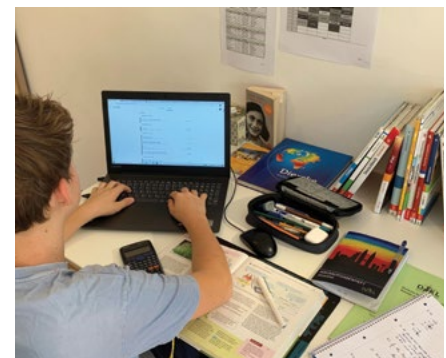
As a rule, the children receive the assignments no later than 7.00

am. The tasks are sent via Google Classroom. The use of the Google Classroom app was practiced with almost all students in the week leading up to the school-closure. It is important to note, that students were advised to stick to their normal school timetable when completing the set tasks. This is intended to help them establish a daily routine to deal with the negative influences of a prolonged confinement at home.

At DSKL, we are proud to deliver high-quality education and we will continue do so under these exceptional circumstances. We are committed to provide an alternative means of education in the form of off-campus learning. Off-campus

learning means that students can learn but are not physically present on campus. Off-campus learning does not replicate onsite learning but allows our teachers to deliver powerful instruction and enable our students to meet expected standards in an online environment. In addition, it is important to us that the learning activities are varied and are comparable to the requirements in a normal teaching environment. Research, reflection, and critical thinking will still be promoted. The success of our home schooling / e-learning depends largely on careful planning by our dedicated staff, the motivation and commitment of the pupils as well as the support of our parents.

While this is a time of uncertainty and challenges, it will also create new and innovative opportunities to connect and develop new skills.



The workplace of a DSKL E-Learning student.

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