



# Tips For Online School Organization

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 12:35PM Eastern European Time, an email chimed its way into the inbox of the teachers employed at Kyiv International School. The announcement read like this..

"...Kyiv has made the decision to close schools and public events or centers from March 12-27. This means we will be closing tomorrow..."

This email launched our community into online learning. Over the next months we navigated our way through online learning as the government sorted out protocols for schools to re-open.

We started the 2020 school year online and during 2021 we mastered the art of quarantining and sending classes online within a few moments' notice. Due to war in Ukraine, and the continued presence of COVID-19 some students will begin another school year online while others prepare for the possibility of having short stints of online learning. Regardless of your online journey, here are some useful tips and suggestions to help students of all age groups make the most of their online learning experience.

## Elementary

Research suggests that elementary schoolchildren benefit from greater parental involvement during online schooling.

Following are tips for helping elementary students make the most while schooling online.

- Create an organized space for school (use the same designated place, well lit, all needed

materials accessible)

- Reduce distractions
- Brain breaks during online learning (walk outside, stand, exercise)
- Time Management Tips
  - Try to build as much structure and consistency as possible, setting times for meals, schoolwork and other activities.
  - Try to maintain a planner to keep track of all school activities and homework.
  - Establish a routine
  - Use a basic visual checklist of tasks will help keep them focused
- Provide positive feedback
  - Use a reward system to celebrate your student's successes
- Help kids stay in touch with their friends
- Reach out to your child's teacher
  - Encourage your student to be part of these conversations so they understand how to ask their teacher for help.

## Middle

The middle school years are a time of exploration, growing autonomy and a lot more socializing. Young teens are just learning how to make their own decisions and deal with the consequences of those decisions, and they are also testing out new relationships. Whereas younger kids need more supervision and routine, older students can begin to make their own schedules, set their own