

## Remote Learning FAQ Sheet

Geraldine W. Johnson School

### Will remote learning look the same as it did in the Spring?

No, it will absolutely look different. Teachers will be "live streamed" from their classrooms daily and it will be the responsibility of the students to login to TEAMS by a specific time (teachers will communicate time to students and families) and then remain on during all of their classes. This will allow students the opportunity to access high-quality education and collaborate with teachers and peers using the digital tools on Teams. If students do not login and participate, they will be marked absent. As with anything new, we will need to work out kinks; we ask for our patience and flexibility while everyone acclimates.

### Will the school provide devices?

Yes, the school will provide devices (if a borrowed device was returned). Devices will be ready for distribution the week of September 8th (OR SOONER). More information to follow.

### If the teacher distributes an assignment in class, how will the remote students receive it?

All assignments will be on TEAMS so that students can complete the same assignments in-person or remotely.

### Will remote students have more time to complete assignments?

No, remote students will be held to the same standards as in-person learners. The only modification and accommodations will be for students that have an IEP or 504 plan.

### Will remote students have access to textbooks that are used in class?

Yes, in most cases, necessary materials will be permitted to be used at home. However MANY resources will be available online as well.

### Can hard copies of assignments be dropped off to the school?

Yes, you can absolutely drop off assignments if needed however there will NOT be packets as there were in the Spring. The expectation is that all work will be done online.

### Are students expected to be on camera during classes?

Yes, cameras must be turned on. This is important for collaboration amongst their peers in school.

### Will I be able to access the internet if I do not currently have internet connectivity in my home?

#### State of Connecticut Offering

Optimum cable modem service student is available for 12 months.

Kajeet Mobile LTE 5G Hotspots for 12 months.

**More information will be forthcoming...**

### Should I refer to the school supplies list if my child is participating in distance learning? Are there additional materials needed for Specials? (Art, Music, Library, etc.)

Teachers will be sending out Welcome Back letters with supply lists. Teachers have updated supply lists to accommodate in person and remote learning. Special area teachers such as Art, Music and PE have posted their lists on our website.

### What will the remote schedule for students look like? Will remote students receive breaks during the day?

Remote students will follow the same schedule as their peers in school. Therefore, students will not have to be present during recess time, lunch, lavatory, and mask breaks. Teachers will communicate to students when these breaks will occur and the duration of them.

### How can I help my remote learner be successful?

Some tips for helping your remote learner:

- Establish a routine similar to a school day and provide an appropriate space for learning.
- Ensure your child eats breakfast, is dressed in school-appropriate clothing, and is logged in ready-to-learn on time. This consistency will be helpful for students.
- Set limits on technology use for games, social media, etc.
- Encourage your child to participate in physical activities daily.
- Encourage your child to read every day.
- Review assigned work, discuss expectations with your child, and communicate with your child's teacher.
- Be aware of your child's social and emotional needs and contact the school/school guidance with any questions or concerns.
- Emphasize the importance of learning and education.

Please refer to the link for the districts remote learning plan: <https://www.bridgeportedu.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=15716>

### Can my remote learner participate in school extracurricular activities?

Unfortunately, no, remote learners cannot participate in any in-person activities.

### How can I change my student from remote learning to in-person if I choose to?

You can call the school to request the change, however, you will need to give the school 5 school days to prepare a space for your child.