

Online School



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My school building is closed right now.



I can't go to my school building, but I can go to online school.



I didn't know I could go to school on the computer,
but for now that's how I see my teachers and friends
and it's also how I learn new things.



Even though online school feels really different from regular school, there are lots of things that are still the same.



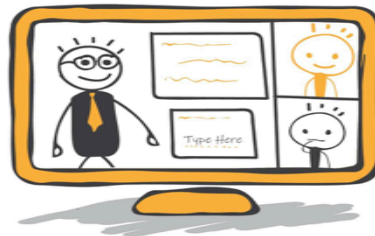
First, I need to go to online school every day, just like regular school.



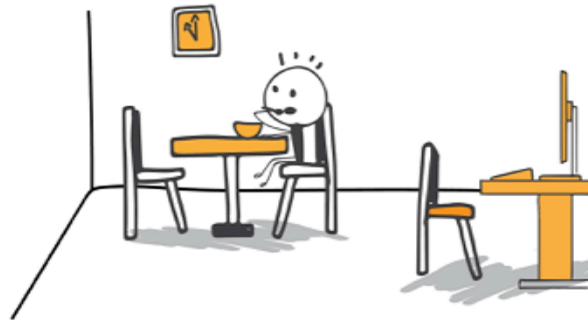
Second, I wait my turn when I have something to say. At regular school, I raise my hand and wait to be called on. At online school, I wait for my teacher to unmute me or tell me that it's my turn to talk.



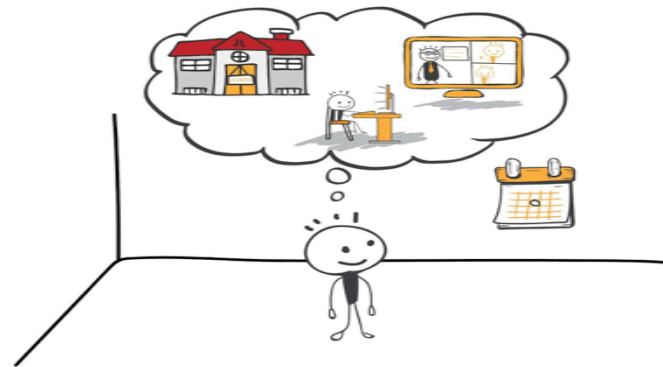
Third, my teacher is in charge of online school, just like they are in charge of my classroom. They usually write on the whiteboard or the smart board, and now they write on the computer screen. That's their job. It's not my job, unless my teacher gives me a turn.



Fourth, I stay at my computer at online school, just like I stay in my seat at regular school. My teacher will give me breaks, and I can go to the bathroom or get a snack.



I was really used to regular school. I knew just what to do. But I can get used to online school, too. This is new for all of us, so following these rules helps everyone. I like seeing my teachers and friends, and I can learn a lot at online school until we go back to regular school.



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