

2020-2021 Remote Learning FAQ

The Atonement Academy

Will Remote Students be required to engage in live class sessions, or will they be able to watch recordings at another time?

Middle and Upper scholars will be expected to attend live classes. Middle and Upper scholars will follow their schedules as if they were on campus and will be expected to attend live sessions for each of their academic classes.

Lower scholars are not required, but strongly encouraged, to attend live class sessions according to their daily schedule. All classes will be recorded and made available for viewing by 5:00 p.m. the same day. Recording of live classes will be available both to Lower scholars who elect not to attend live sessions and for Middle and Upper scholars who either wish to review the day's instruction or who were unable to attend.

Will Remote Students complete the same work and be generally held to the same expectations as Traditional Students?

Yes, we expect that Remote Students will be able to complete the same work and therefore will be required to do so. It should be noted, however, that the online format of remote learning may, at times, pose limitations on or require adjustments to the nature of the work. Remote Learning is designed so that Remote Students will be able to meet the same educational objective as Traditional Students and will, consequently, be expected to take the same assessments and be subject to the same grading policies.

What technologies will Remote Learning 2.0 require?

Lower scholars, especially grades Pre-K through 6th grade, will need access to an Internet-connected computer (though a smart phone or tablet with a web camera and microphone could also work), which will enable them to attend live class sessions (optional), watch recordings of the live class sessions, obtain and submit assignments, and take the occasional quiz or test electronically. Middle and Upper scholars, should have access to an Internet-connected a computer during school-day hours. A full keyboard (as opposed to that on a phone or tablet) is recommended for ease of completing assignments that require typing. An inexpensive, entry-level computer with a web camera and microphone will suffice.

Will Remote Students have to download assignments, print them and then upload them once completed?

Yes. The new FACTS-SIS Learning Management System (LMS) will also provide greater functionality to allow for students to complete some assignments, quizzes, and tests online. However, because of the nature of our Lower School curriculum and its emphasis on handwriting and spelling, Lower School will regularly need to upload their handwritten assignments.

Middle and Upper scholars should also expect some handwritten assignments that will need to be scanned and uploaded, including some that are designated “in-class” and which will need to be uploaded during, or immediately after the class session.

How will Remote Students access assignments and assessments?

Most Remote Students will access all assignments and assessments through the FACT-SIS Learning Management System (LMS). In addition to assignments being posted on the LMS, Pre-K through 2nd grade will also use hard copy packets of necessary handouts and other resources (manipulatives, decodable readers, flash cards, art project materials) that will cover a week at a time and will be available for pick-up at the school by 12 p.m. every Friday. We encourage parents of Remote Students to pick these prior to 3 p.m. so that there is no confusion during carline.

What is the FACT-SIS Learning Management System (LMS)?

The LMS is a user-friendly interface that allows students (and parents) to communicate with their teachers about each of their classes, access learning resources and assignments as well as complete and/or submit assignments and assessments electronically. The LMS is accessible through the FACT-SIS website by logging on with parent/student credentials. More information about using the LMS is forthcoming.

How will Remote Students access the links to join live class sessions? How will they access the recordings of class sessions?

Links to join class sessions or access class recordings will be available on each class' LMS page.

Is there a single school contact for technical problems, as opposed to academic content?

Technical problems experienced with FACTS/SIS (formerly RenWeb) may be directed to Mr. Dan Patrick at dpatrick@atonementonline.com, while questions about course content, requirements, and assignments should be addressed to teachers of those courses.

What if my child is unable to attend live class sessions or submit work on time due to illness?

Remote Students who are unable to make live sessions (Middle and Upper scholars only) or submit work by the posted deadlines (all scholars) due to illness must present a doctor's note via email to Mrs. Johnston and the relevant teacher. Otherwise, the absence will be unexcused and all work not submitted on time will be considered late, as defined in the Student-Parent Handbook.

What if my child submits work late?

Except in the case of an excused absence, late work will incur its usual 10% per day point reduction as specified in the Student-Parent Handbook.

How will attendance be recorded for Remote Students?

For lower scholars, the timely completion of assignments in that course will count for the week's attendance in that class. Except in the case of an excused absence (see question above) Middle and Upper scholars must be present for the live session of each class in order to be marked present for the class.

Will office hours be available to Remote Students and how and at what time will they be conducted?

Office hours will be available for Remote Students once a week. These will consist of live sessions for Remote Students only. A schedule coordinating office hours for all classes will be made available during the first weeks of school.

What will be the nature of Remote Students' participation in Music and PE?

This is still being determined, and will be clarified in the next edition of the FAQ.