American Overseas School of Rome

AOSR School Closure | Distance Learning Elementary School Protocol for Students and Parents

Why: In the case of school closure, AOSR wishes to maintain continuity of learning for our students, as much as is realistic and possible outside of the school context, for the sake of our students' sense of wellbeing and learning.

When: In the case that AOSR is closed for one or more days, the Elementary Principal will communicate with parents and students and inform them of the importance of the distance learning day(s) and to watch for communication from their teachers for further information.

How: Teachers will communicate with their class students as soon as possible after the school closure is confirmed, regarding distance learning information. On subsequent days of school closure, this communication should happen before 9 am. **All communication will be sent via AOSR parent emails.**

Distance learning expectations for any given day will be based on the Day Rotation Schedule (6 day cycle) for that day and will be posted via class Seesaw accounts for lower elementary classes and on Google Classroom for Grades 4 and 5.

Organization and Structure for Online Learning

Teachers will communicate learning plans via online learning platforms (Seesaw and Google Classroom) as well as on the ES Learning website. Parents and students will find a presentation with clear expectations about learning from core subjects (reading, writing, math, and inquiry) as well as special classes (in accordance with that day's rotation schedule). As part of this process, students will complete learning tasks to submit to the teacher for feedback. Optional extensions and ideas for continued practice may also be offered. Please see this outline of AOSR Distance Learning for ES for further information.

Teachers will be interacting with students via Google Meets daily. They are available to respond to questions or concerns for students particularly within the following times: 9:00-11:00am   AND   1:00-3:00pm

Setting Up for and Supporting Student Learning at Home
Students will need:
- Access to a reliable internet connected computer or learning device. Parents should contact the teacher and school principal in the eventuality that there is not a device available for student use. Alternative arrangements will be made to provide student access.
- A responsible adult to facilitate the learning. Students may need varying degrees of support in accessing and approaching the learning tasks. Younger students, in particular, will need an adult to communicate expectations and encourage learning.
- A dedicated place to focus on their learning.
- Breaks and opportunities for social engagements (as would happen in school). Students would benefit from a "home schedule" for distance learning days.
- Time to reflect at the end of the day on what worked and what were the challenges.

- To communicate questions or challenges to teachers. It is not expected that parents have knowledge of teaching strategies, so please direct any questions to the teachers.

All students are expected to participate in our distance learning program. Attendance will be taken at morning meetings for Grades K-5. All required learning tasks are expected to be submitted, though AOSR recognizes that this may happen outside of the school day, particularly for families who are organizing learning for multiple children. Any learning activities or assessment tasks not completed will need to be made up. In exceptional circumstances or illness, parents of students who are unable to participate should notify the school as they would for any school absence, and those students will be given special consideration.

Contact us by email if you have questions or concerns:

Questions on Daily Online Learning Lessons	Your child's classroom or specialist teacher
Technical Support	Brett DiMatteo (bdimatteo@aosr.org)
General Concerns, Questions or Support	Amanda Knight (aknight@aosr.org) or Pamela Porreca (esoffice@aosr.org)