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Hello, guardian of an upper-secondary school student!

Starting in Week 50 and until the Christmas break, Kunskapsförbundet's upper-secondary schools will increase the proportion of students studying at a distance.

The reason, of course, is that we want to help reduce the spread of infection in our community, which in recent weeks has left our schools with high rates of absenteeism among students and staff. We also want to make matters easier for our teachers, who have had a very heavy workload this autumn. Planning for and conducting teaching both remotely and on-site in the classroom is a big challenge, and now that we see that our students have gotten into the habit and become adept at studying from home, we're choose to have them do so for the few remaining weeks before the break.

One big difference from the spring's remote learning period is that the school buildings are not closed – there will be opportunities to come in and do practical tasks, get support, take tests, etc. as necessary.

Information about what applies to your child will be provided via our It's Learning learning platform and through the student mentors.

School continues – this is not a holiday

Distance learning imposes high demands on students. It is very important that your child understands that this is not a holiday; she/he must continue to study and actually take extra responsibility for her/his own studies in order to achieve intended learning outcomes and earn passing grades.

What can you do as a parent?

As a guardian, you play an important role. Here are some ways you can help your child:

- Emphasise that the school continues and talk about the importance of participating in distance learning and doing the tasks assigned by the teacher.
- Take an interest and ask your child how things are going. Ask to see what assignments she/he is working on and pay extra attention to the information available on the website and on It's Learning.
- Set up a workspace at home. It's good to create structure and think in the form of a "home office" so that your child can use her/his computer and school supplies properly.
- Make sure your child keeps up her/his usual routines – that she/he gets up on time in the morning and goes to bed on time in the evening. Shifting the day will not benefit your child's concentration and learning.



Don't hesitate to contact the school if something isn't working properly or if you need support – our teachers, school management and Student Health are there to support you and provide help, even when your child is working remotely.

You can also help to remind your child of the guidelines that we have received from the Public Health Agency of Sweden and which we all know by now:

- Stay at home if you have the slightest symptom. Get tested.
- Wash your hands.
- Keep your distance!
- Don't take public transport unless you absolutely have to.
- Avoid larger social gatherings

In addition to this advice, it is more important than ever to encourage your child to help limit the spread of infection by turning down invitations to parties and avoiding shopping centres and large gatherings.

During the month of December we hope that we will be able to make a decision about what the beginning of the spring semester will look like and it will be necessary to continue conducting classes remotely.

Of course, this depends on how well we are all able to adhere to the restrictions that have been imposed and what recommendations schools will receive.

We want nothing more than to return to teaching as usual – learning is best done in the classroom, and that's where we want our students – so if we just hold on and hold out for a little longer, then maybe we can achieve that goal by the spring.

❤️ To keep your distance is to show consideration for others ❤️

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