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What is EBA (Education Information Network)

EBA is an online education platform for students, teachers, and parents with specific features for each group. The system is designed to appeal to all students using different teaching methods (verbal, numerical and visual). Educational content and materials produced by teachers can be shared with students. EBA also offers an interactive and social class/lesson environment with active participation.



How to Access to EBA System

- MoNE has a two-fold strategy for distance learning: broadcasting lessons on television channels and, as a complimentary catch-up measure, utilizing digital learning and teaching resources to deliver curriculum on an online platform called the Education Information Network (EBA).
- MoNE is delivering distance education by broadcasting lessons on 3 TV channels for all students from grades 1 to 12. TRT EBA TV has 3 channels; 1st channel is for primary school, 2nd channel is for lower-secondary school and the 3rd channel is for upper-secondary school.
- Every week, a weekly lesson schedule of courses is published through EBA TV, the EBA website and on social media for grades 1 to 12. Each lesson is 30 minutes long and covers the general Turkish public school curriculum.
- TRT EBA TV lessons are broadcast 5 days a week, on weekdays from 9 am to 1.30 pm, with repetitions of lessons and additional programs for parents until 9 pm each day.
- Access to EBA Online is only possible with an internet connection from the <http://www.eba.gov.tr/#/anasayfa> link. All students who are registered in the MoNE system have access to EBA Online. Students can enter the EBA system with an ID number and a password. All students have their own personalized page where they can track their lessons, homework and other activities.
- To access more details on the channels broadcasting EBA lessons and the daily schedule of EBA TV, please visit: <http://www.eba.gov.tr/#/anasayfa>

Five Tips for Parents to Support Continuing Education for Their Children at Home



1) Plan a routine together:

Try to establish a routine that factors in age-appropriate education programmes that can be followed online, on the television. Also, factor in play time and time for reading. Don't forget to come up with these plans together where possible.



2) Have open conversations:

Encourage your children to ask questions and express their feelings to you. Remember that your child may have different reactions to stress. Be patient and understanding. Start by inviting your child to talk about the issue. Discuss good hygiene practices. You can use everyday moments to reinforce the importance of things like regular and thorough handwashing. Make sure you are in a safe environment and allow your child to talk freely. Drawing, stories and other activities may help to open a discussion.



3) Take your time:

Start with shorter learning sessions and make them progressively longer. If the goal is to have a 30 or 45 minute session, start with 10 minutes and build up from there. Within a session, combine online or screen time with offline activities or exercises.



4) Protect children online:

Digital platforms provide an opportunity for children to keep learning, take part in play and keep in touch with their friends. But increased access online brings heightened risks for children's safety, protection and privacy. Discuss the internet with your children so that they know how it works, what they need to be aware of and what appropriate behavior looks like on the platforms they use, such as video calls. Establish rules together about how, when and where the internet can be used. Set up parental controls on their devices to mitigate online risks, particularly for younger children.



5) Stay in touch with your children's education facility:

Find out how to stay in touch with your children's teacher or school to stay informed, ask questions and get more guidance. Parent groups or community groups can also be a good way to support each other with home schooling.

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Precautions that needs to be taken by the child at school

- Children should implement rules such as physical distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands with care.
- They should not share glasses or eating utensils with friends.
- Going to school is safe, but students must take care to protect themselves and their loved ones from the Coronavirus. It is possible for everyone to be safe if we all follow the rules.

General Instructions

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How to wear a mask



1 What's the right way to wear my mask?

- Cover both your nose and mouth completely
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of your face
- Allow you to breathe without restriction

5 Be Careful!

- Do not share your mask with others
- Do not use a loose, damaged, dirt or wet mask
- Do not wear the mask under the nose
- Do not remove the mask where there are people within 1.5 meter



2 How do I remove my mask correctly?

- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when you remove it and wash your hands right away.

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How do I wash my mask and how often should I wash it?

- Wash it regularly with soap and hot water. You should wash it after you get home

4 Who should NOT wear a mask?

- Children under 2 (Since a baby's airways are smaller, using a mask may increase the risk of suffocation.)
- People who have difficulty breathing

We Are Stronger Together

- Schools help create a **sense of belonging** by fostering **respect and equal treatment**, thus contributing to a more cohesive society which embraces diverse groups.
- **Parents play a critical role** in encouraging and supporting their children's education.
- **Anyone can contract the Coronavirus** regardless of where one comes from, how they look, or which language they speak.
- Parents should help their children understand that they shouldn't make fun of their friends if they become sick. **We have to be compassionate** with people who are sick or whose relatives are sick.

Before Sending Children to School, Please Consider:

- Obtaining information from the right, reliable sources and raising your child's awareness about the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Informing your children about hygiene and other rules announced by the Ministry of National Education and authorized institutions to protect themselves and their loved ones from contracting COVID-19 .
- Notifying the school administration and teachers of any medication taken by children. Making sure children take their medication with them to school as needed.
- Making sure your child goes to school every day wearing clean clothes.
- Asking your child to make sure to wash her/his hands and face with soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Duly cleaning, every day, the cloth masks that your child will receive from the school administration.
- Making sure that the clothes and shoes your child was wearing at school have been properly ventilated and cleaned on a daily basis.
- Making sure that the items your child uses at school such as bags, books, notebooks, pencils, erasers, etc. are disinfected/ventilated.
- Ensuring your child has a balanced diet and maintains healthy daily routines including regular sleep.
- If possible, making sure that children are not brought to school by persons who have chronic diseases or who are older than 65 years of age, and that they are brought to and taken from the school by the same person every day.
- Do not enter the school grounds (shuttle bus, classroom, yard, teachers' room, etc.) without notifying the school administration or the teachers, except for emergencies.
- If needed, communicating with the school administration and with teachers remotely (telephone, SMS, e-mail, etc.)
- Monitoring your child's health. If you observe a high fever, cough, or any other symptoms of disease, inform the school administration and do not send your child to school. You must refer to the relevant health institution in your area.
- For further precautions taken by schools and guidance for children and families, please visit the links provided below:
https://www.meb.gov.tr/meb_iys_dosyalar/2020_08/24093051_Ogrenci.pdf
https://www.meb.gov.tr/meb_iys_dosyalar/2020_08/19115249_Veli.pdf
https://www.meb.gov.tr/meb_iys_dosyalar/2020_08/19115235_Yonetici_ve_OYretmen.pdf

Measures to be Followed in Schools:

- Teachers will take the necessary hygiene measures (washing hands, etc.) before and after lessons.
- Teachers will wear personal protective equipment (PPE) specified by the health authorities.
- During lessons, the seating layout between the teacher and the students shall be created in compliance with the social distancing rules specified by the health authorities.
- Measures that are compliant with the physical distancing and hygiene rules shall be taken for educational activities to be held outdoors.
- Diagonal or "every other desk" seating arrangements shall be made in a way to prevent face-to-face layouts in educational settings.
- During the course of daily group activities, it shall be ensured that the students carry out activities with the same group of students.
- Groups shall be prevented from intermingling during lessons such as art, music, and physical education.
- Arrangements that are compliant with the disabilities and requirements of individuals with special education needs are made, when necessary.
- Teachers will isolate students and staff members who display signs of COVID-19 when entering a school and inform the relevant administrator immediately.

Measures to be Taken on School Shuttle Buses

- School staff will ensure the availability of hand antiseptic solutions in all vehicles.
- School staff will ensure that the seating plan inside a vehicle is followed.
- School staff will ensure that students comply with necessary physical distancing when getting on and off the shuttle bus.
- School staff will ensure that the driver and the guide properly use PPE.
- School staff will ensure that vehicles are being cleaned in line with the hygiene rules.
- School staff will ensure that additional measures are being taken for students with special needs.



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