They need to be constantly monitored, encouraged and supported by their teachers, parents and peers.

Learners need to be kept occupied in a meaningful way, without being overwhelmed.

How to stay engaged with your students?

Teachers and learners can stay connected and engaged with one another through different online tools, such as platforms and applications, including social media applications. Below are some of the tools that are most frequently used (and your learners may be quite familiar with):

Learning functions better if different teaching methods are used and interactive pedagogies are privileged.

Learners need to be involved in selecting their learning activities, structuring their learning and self-assessing their progression.

Learners need to have a chance to ask for support, to ask questions and to feel that they are part of a learning community.

What can you do?

- Create discussion groups with your fellow teachers and principals, as well as with parents, to support one another with quick solutions/tips, such as structuring the learner schedules and sharing resources.
- Invite learners to work in peers/small groups and support one another remotely.
- Create communication and learning groups for different purposes (tutorials will give you quick hints about how to proceed).
- Engage with your learners in counselling activities to offer psycho-social support and comfort them in these difficult times.
- Provide learners with quizzes and other tasks so as to be able to give them quick and immediate feedback with regard to their learning progression.
- Use power point presentations and other means of sharing information/knowledge (such as videos) in a visual way through focusing on what is most important.

How to keep engaged remotely with your students in the context of the COVID-19 crisis: tips for teachers

In these times of school closure owing to the COVID-19 crisis, learners more than ever need their teachers' support and continuous engagement with them. Please bear in mind that even with the best lessons lectured on TV or via the Internet we still need teachers to maintain learners' motivation and progression through interacting with them regularly, because:

Set clear goals with the participation of learners.