

Tips to

THE ONLINE SCHOOL

Engage

Laugh A Lot

Pay An Interest Into Their Lives

New Students

Always introduce yourself to anyone you've never met before. Share something about yourself before you ask them to share with you. Smile a lot and be super friendly :)

Tone

Your tone is everything. Be fun, be bubbly, don't be monotone, be hype, be excited, and never be condescending, bored, low energy or blunt

Vote Vote Vote

Use as many votes as possible, YES/NO are the easiest and quickest to set up. Use them for everything, if people are okay, if they're bored, if they understand, try to use 8 in a lesson

Chatbox

When you are muted watching a video, try to engage students using the chatbox so they don't feel like it's awkward

Reassurance

If a child ever puts themselves down, calls themselves fat or anything negative make sure you lift them up and reassure them that they are beautiful :)

Examples

Whenever asking students questions and there are no relevant visual aids please remember to give ample examples with your voice, whiteboard etc because its very easy to get lost whilst learning online

Tips to

Engage

Keep Smiling!

Tell Jokes

Try To Be Cool

Say No to Silences

Try your best to avoid silences in lessons, especially when students are scribbling or even doing an exercise. Silence gives them a reason to disengage. Even if its just commenting on what you see and prompting them with feedback, compliments or other cool ideas or your healthy opinions on what you think... but never silence. You can even play cool calming music in case of silences but never silence

Music

Start each lesson with some anti anxiety/lo-fi music. Feel free to use this as entrance music for yourself whilst the students get comfortable. Remember to engage them in the chatbox whilst this is playing. Try to avoid videos with sexualised, provocative content so stick to lyric videos if so.

Recap

After each new thing you introduce, do create a poll to understand who understands and then adjust the pace of your lesson accordingly.. Don't just race through the content

Don't be Awkward

It's very easy to become awkward online as a teacher... embrace your environment. If there's noise in the background, just embrace it and make a joke out of it. Speak to the students as if they were your friends.. within limits obviously

Encourage

Students will naturally give low energy responses at times.. at that time you should encourage them to elaborate and to expand on their answers and motivate them.. give them ideas on how to expand... some students struggle to use their brain so help them use it... even by asking them to use google is fine !

Summarise

Do ask students to summarise what they learn each time before you move on. Really make sure they understand.