Ergonomic Tips for your Remote-Learning Setup

Separate the keyboard from the screen





Adjust the keyboard and mouse to belly-button level







No keyboard? Angle the laptop at 12° and use a mouse (if available)





Make a laptop wedge with a paper towel roll and rubber bands or use a 3-ring binder or small book







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Using a tablet? Prop it up and use a stylus (if available)





Easy online tutorials to make your own stylus

Use a book stand, photo frame or homemade Lego stand



Try different workspaces for short periods of time





Support the



you like to sit







What else can you do?

- ☐ Move your body, at least hourly walk the stairs/halls before starting school and between classes/lessons
- ☐ **Use headphones** improve focus & avoid craning your head forward to be near the speakers (use safe volume)
- ☐ Keep a routine & schedule maintain standard meal/snack times and include student input on schedule
- ☐ Don't forget about P.E. try YouTube™ workouts, GoNoodle™, Just Dance™, online sports training
- Balance out 2D screen time with 3D work like crafts, art, building/making, card games

- ☐ Stay organized learn how to use email folders to manage your inbox
- ☐ Maintain good sleep patterns use blue light filters and turn off screens at least 1-2 hours before bed

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Why is this important?

Most personal technology is designed for mobility, not to fit the human body. Since our hands are not connected to our eyes, there is a mismatch that strains the body.

Screen too low — Bent neck and upper back

Keyboard too high — Shrugged shoulders and bent wrists & fingers

Touch pad on keyboard — Rounded shoulders & bent wrists







<u>Avoid Tech Neck</u>. Tech neck is an overuse syndrome involving the head, neck and shoulders, resulting from excessive strain on the spine from looking in a forward and downward position for long periods of time. Symptoms are short and long term, including neck/arm/chest pain, numbness/tingling, hunched back posture.

PLUS – You make less mistakes and can get your work done faster when using a good ergonomic setup!



Can you spot the pain points in these awkward working postures?

















