

Whānau Letter



Over the coming days and weeks there may be times when teachers are working from home but Garin learners are in school, or when some Garin learners are working online from home while others are in class.

If your child is working online either at home or at school, their Google Classroom is the first place they will go to.

Teachers will use the Google Classroom “Stream” to let Garin learners know where to find learning activities and resources. Please note that teachers will always not be able to directly contact parents or Garin learners by email to set work.

Your child will need to take responsibility for going to the Google Classroom and finding the instructions for tasks.

We will also use a Self Management rubric that each learner will use to reflect on their learning at end of every week. This explicitly states the actions they need to take in order to manage their learning during this time. The Self Management rubric is on this link:

Should you need to contact a teacher by email the format is firstname.lastname@cloud.garincollege.ac.nz

For more detailed information please look at our Hybrid Learning Guide (below)

Hybrid Learning Guide 2022 Garin College



When will Hybrid Learning be used?

If the number of Garin learners at home are low we will operate face to face classrooms. If a learner is at home, they will be able to access their Google Classroom with information that is shared with them by their classroom teacher.

Hybrid learning will be used when a significant number of learners and staff are away due to illness or needing to isolate. In the meantime, face to face learning continues with learners who are isolating accessing their Google Classroom.

What is our base as Garin College?

We have strength in our values as a Catholic College. These values come from Scripture and have stood for over 2,000 years. We can harness these values during this time to help us design our learning and our interactions with each other. It is the touchstone that we can always come back to and values that are well known by learners and ourselves.

Generosity

Aroha

Rangimarie

Integrity

New Life

What are the key themes for learning at this time?

There are two key themes for our shift into Hybrid Learning that we need from Garin learners and you as their whānau.

- 1. Continuation in learning** – learning will continue in both face to face and online environments
- 2. Excellence in learning** – All learners are supported by their teachers and their whānau to complete their learning to the best of their ability with the situation we are in.

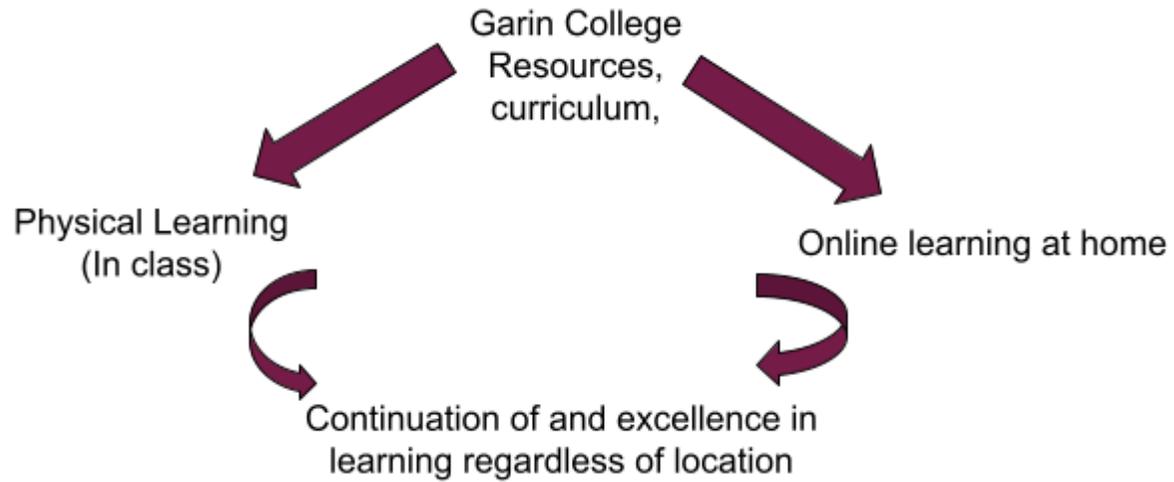
What is Hybrid Learning?

Hybrid learning is where Garin teaching staff and Garin learners will be learning in the following two situations

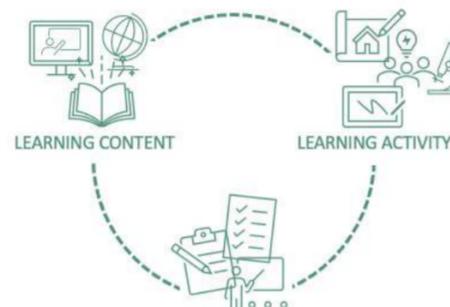
- 1. In a face to face context at school**
- 2. Learning online from home**

It is through our design that we ensure the continuation of learning and opportunities for excellence in learning for our Garin learners.

The focus of this model is on having our base in a digital platform (Google Classroom) so we can offer this to both learners in a face to face and a home learning environment.



What does Hybrid Learning look like at Gairn College?



1. At the start of the week class information is up on Google Classroom which includes:

- An explanation of the learning outcome and what success in this learning looks like
- Material around the main teaching idea for the week
- Learning activities to complete

2. During the halfway point of their week a Question and Answer session can be held during timetabled class time.

- This can be completed via Google Meet or using the “Comment” section on a Google Classroom post.
- This is limited to 20 minutes and could also be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

3. At the end of the week every learner will complete a short reflection on their Self-Management Capability.

- This reinforces commitment to continuation of learning whether face to face or at home
- Reinforces the focus on excellence in learning where all learners are supported by their teachers and their whānau to complete their learning to the best of their ability based on their personal situation.
- The rubric is on this link [Click here](#)

What are the expectations for Garin learners face to face & at home?

1. Check your Google Classroom at the beginning of the week
2. Review the learning material and the learning activities to complete
3. Plan your weekly Google Meets that your teachers have created for you
4. Attend all of your Question & Answer sessions with your teachers
5. Complete your Self-Management Reflection to share and discuss with your Whānau at the end of every week



