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Subject line: Transition to virtual learning with Webex.

Dear parent,   
  
Schools and higher education institutions are facing unprecedented needs to rethink physical classrooms, due to circumstances resulting from COVID-19 (coronavirus disease). We have made the decision to provide technology to enable students to attend class virtually – on Cisco Webex.  
   
Cisco Webex is a secure technology that students can use to join a class and see their teacher, the content they are sharing, and interact with class mates – from any device at home. Your student’s teacher will teach as usual, but over video – including sharing content and whiteboarding via their computer screen. They may adapt class exercises to fit a virtual environment. Students can participate, by unmuting themselves to comment and ask questions in the virtual classroom.   
   
We aim to use Webex to improve communication with you too, by hosting parent­-teacher conferences virtually. We'll also encourage teachers to use parent announcement chat spaces on Webex Teams to keep you up to date with what is happening in your student's virtual classroom.  
  
We ask for your help setting up your home to be a “virtual classroom friendly” environment. If possible, help your student find a space at home with a power source, a table with room for a laptop and papers, good lighting, a comfortable place to sit in relatively quiet surroundings. They will also need Wi-Fi connection. In addition we strongly recommend headphones – both to prevent them being distracted by background noise at home, and also to allow the teachers and other students to hear them clearly when they are participating in class discussion.   
  
You’ll find tools to get your student started with Webex, guides for parents, and resources to learn more about Webex at <https://www.webex.com/webexremoteedu>.  
    
For questions please contact your child's teacher,   
   
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