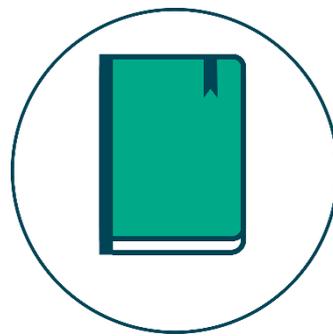


Distance learning during school closures

Because of corona virus contagion, schools in Norway are currently closed. However, even though schools are closed, instruction continues. While the schools are closed, the teachers and the government have to find alternative methods of teaching. Norwegian pupils have a right to an education even if they cannot meet in person at school.

What is distance learning?

Distance learning means that the pupils will be taught from home. The school and teachers are responsible for providing instruction and assignments for the pupils. The school is to stay in touch with the pupil and make sure he or she knows what to do and how to do it.



How does distance learning work?

It varies from school to school and from teacher to teacher how distance learning is practiced, and pupils may be assigned different types of work. Some teachers communicate with their pupils through different apps on a PC, tablet or phone. The teachers may not be able to speak to every pupil every day; in these cases, they will inform pupils of the school work for the day over e-mail or other messaging services.

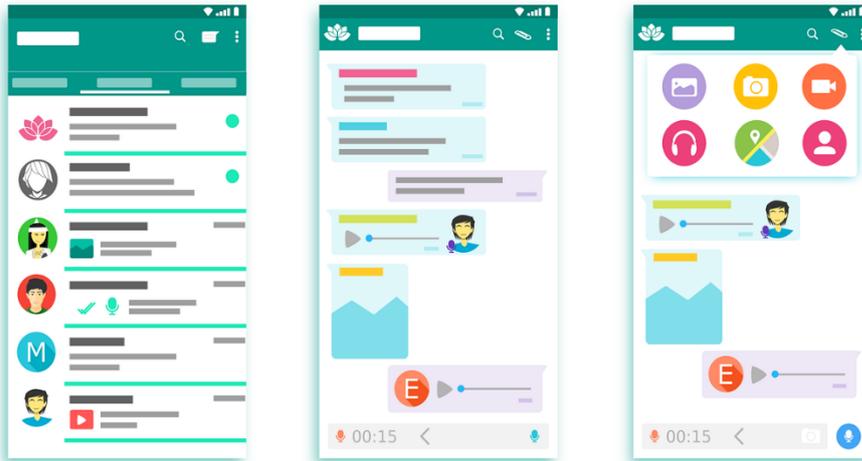
Why are some pupils going to school even while it is closed?

Although the schools are closed for most people, some of the youngest pupils are allowed to go to school – namely children whose parents or guardians are essential workers (such as healthcare professionals). Such parents must clear this with the school.



When can pupils go back to school?

The government decides when the schools will reopen. They have decided that the youngest children will be going back first. There will be rules put into place about how pupils can interact in the classroom, during recess and wherever else schooling takes place. These rules are meant to prevent pupils and staff from infecting each other. The school will inform parents of when and how their children can come back to school.



How can pupils stay in touch with the school and their classmates when they are not meeting in person every day?

Now that children are not seeing as much of their friends as usual, they can use digital tools to stay in touch, as it is nice for them to see each other even while school is closed. It is important for the pupils to attend all classes on their phone, PC or tablet, so their teachers can follow them up.

You can read more about the gradual reopening of schools here:

<https://helsenorge.no/koronavirus/informasjon-pa-andre-sprak>