

# What is Moodle and why do we use it?

Simply put, Moodle is a virtual classroom. It helps teachers and student keep a classroom that is open 24/7. Students are enrolled in Moodle courses/classes which match their timetables. When they log on, they see all their courses and can click on them to see sections related to lessons, homework etc.

## Lesson materials and homework information – everything the students need in one place

Teachers upload documents, lesson plans, assignments, and other teaching materials so that students have access to these at all times. Even if a student cannot attend a lesson, they can still access the material needed to catch up and submit assignments so that they don't fall behind. Teachers put up homework information on the course Moodle page, including deadlines and expectations about submission formats.

#### Messaging and keeping in touch

Through Moodle, students and teachers can use the message function to send messages to each other with questions or information.

#### Effective, instant and transparent marking

Students submit their homework on Moodle and teachers mark these giving feedback, as appropriate, which students can see. The feedback and grades will always be available on Moodle so students can refer back to teacher comments when they like.

As a parent, you are welcome to look on Moodle, with your son and daughter, and see the assignments submitted plus the grades and feedback the teacher has given.

### **Moodle technical support**

It is important not to become anxious when there are technical problems. We have a Moodle technical support team at ESK who can address technical difficulties students have. You and your son/daughter can email <a href="mailto:moodle@englishschoolkyrenia.org">moodle@englishschoolkyrenia.org</a> with details of your problem, and please always include your child's full name, class, and a screen shot of any error messages. Remember first to check through our 'ESK Secondary Online Learning Guide' on Moodle and the ESK website to find some simple steps to solving some common technical issues.