5 things we've learned about HOMESCHOOLING

01 START THE DAY RIGHT
Get dressed! Try not to linger in pyjamas until midday. Eat breakfast! This will put you in the right mindset for a productive day. Prepare a routine. Try a song for brushing your teeth to or a morning stretch!

02 BREAK UP THE DAY
Plan your breaks - especially lunch. Prepare snacks to avoid hangry interruptions! Plan a mix of activities to fill the time between online lessons and schedule educational TV programmes or apps for the days without online lessons.

03 SHARING YOUR SPACE
Agree a plan for who sits where. This is a great opportunity for some negotiation practice - which seat is better for whom and why. Create in-trays or folders to keep paperwork organised. Recreating the type of workspace that you have/used to have in the office can be an exciting prospect for children who love visiting their parents’ places of work.

04 VIDEO AND PHONE CALLS
Schedule your meetings keeping a 15 minute buffer between work calls and big events in your child’s schedule like the start and finish of an online lesson. Create a playlist of music and videos that children can listen to or watch while you are on call.

05 STAY FLEXIBLE AND READY TO PIVOT
When all else fails, remember, a little bribery with snacks, toys and games works a treat!