

## Using Texthelp Tools for Remote Learning

### Dear Parent/Guardian

During the Covid-19 closures, a company called Texthelp has agreed to provide free access to a number of their software tools, (Read & Write for Google, PDF Reader, & EquatIO). These are now available for all our K-12 students until the end of the 2019-2020 school year. This software may help support students to access learning while schools are closed. They work in the Chrome Browser on PCs, Macs, Windows-based tablets/laptops & Chromebooks. For use with tablets, while they work best on Windows-based tablets, they can also be used on iPads.

In advance, you'll need your child's District username and password. If you don't have access to this, please contact your child's classroom teacher or school administrator. You will need to use the Google Chrome browser. It would be helpful for you to work with your child to install each of the items of software below by following the videos in the links provided. These tools are a great support for students who may be engaging in learning online, and will help ensure they have access to tools to support learning at home while building important skills for their return to school.

### How can this help your child?

**Read&Write for Google (RWG)** - a toolbar that can be used with any online documents that helps all students with reading, writing and comprehension. It allows students to read aloud, dictate speech, use word prediction to create text, highlight important information, etc.

**PDF Reader** - allows students accessibility to PDF documents through being able to read aloud, add annotations, use highlighting tools, etc.

**EquatIO** - allows students to complete math and science work digitally using dictation, prediction and drawing tools, giving them an easy, flexible way to express math on their devices, and draw graphs and diagrams online.

### Benefits

Please take a look at these short video clips to see what access to RWG & EquatIO can mean for students: [RWG](#)

[EquatIO](#)

### How to Access RWG, PDF Reader & EquatIO

PCs, Macs, Windows-based tablets/laptops & Chromebooks

[Student Setup](#)

iPad set-up

[Read&Write for iPad: Student Take-Home Installation](#)

[EquatIO Mobile](#)

### Texthelp Resources

Parents/guardians & students can access short, clear videos on how to use RWG & EquatIO on [Texthelp's Youtube](#) channel, such as this short [RWG How-to Guide for students](#).

Texthelp also has a [Student Activity Pack](#) available that contains videos and step by step instructions on how to access all the benefits Read and Write for Google has to offer.