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- F2F classrooms vs virtual classrooms
- Synchronous & asynchronous contexts
- Communication & voice

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Look after yourself. Don't overwork. Try not to get too stressed out. Make sure you're OK so that you can help your students be OK. Know that what you're doing is really important, remember you need to make sure you're looking after yourself so you can look out for others.

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The teacher's role in a F2F classroom …

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- Creating rapport
- Motivating
- Managing classroom tasks
- Monitoring & supporting
- Giving feedback
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The importance of teacher presence online

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- Students are new to the environment & feeling a little lost

- It's not as easy or as immediate as being in a class together

Synchronous vs Asynchronous?

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Camera

Mic

Chat box

Smile

Eye contact

Voice

Email

Text

Messaging

Words

Emojis

Voice

Asynchronous communication

- have a clear channel of communication that is easy and accessible for you and your students

- set clear "office hours"

- send out regular messages with updates on tasks, live sessions etc to the whole group

- send out individual messages to students who are not participating/struggling

Voice

- Be gentle, be kind, be patient
- Give the benefit of the doubt
- Extend deadlines where possible
- But still be firm if you need to be

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