Getting started with Hapara Highlights

Conversations to have with students

When getting started with Highlights for the first time, or with a new group of learners, it's important to explain to students what this thing is and why it's an important part of learning.

What is Hapara Highlights?

Highlights is a monitoring tool that allows you to see learners' browsing activity, so you can ensure they are safe and on task when using computers in class. It also allows you to send links and messages to students as part of learning activities. Take some time to explain this, show learners what you can see through Highlights and explain how you plan to use it.

What is focused browsing?

If you plan to use focused browsing with learners, explain it to them before enabling a session. Let learners know that when a focused browsing session is active, it's because you want them to be focused in on specific websites or pages. This could be because you're working on something that requires their full attention, or because they are taking an online assessment.
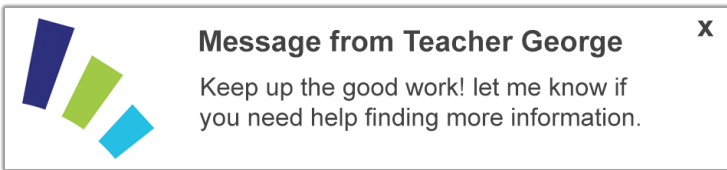
Are you spying on me at home?

Explain to learners that Hapara is strictly for instructional purposes - teachers cannot (and don't want to) look at their browsing activity outside of school hours.

What's this pop up?

Highlights allows you to send messages to learners while they work. The messages appear as a pop up in their browser. Before communicating with students this way, let them know what to look out for and how you expect them to respond.

Message from Teacher George   X

Keep up the good work! let me know if you need help finding more information.

Snaps

Students should be aware that Highlights allows you to take snaps of their work online that can be emailed or saved for later. Let learners know that you may be taking snaps of their activity - both to offer feedback on a job well done and to document any worrying behavior.