5 Key User Experience Principles

1. Understand your users.
2. Visualise your user’s journey using a map.
3. Prototype new ideas.
4. Feedback is a force for good.
5. Social presence – don’t forget who you are.

Understand your users

- Your user should always know what to do, how to do it and when it is done.
- Only present the user what they need - minimise options.
- Limit the number of steps they need.
- Give them one thing to do at a time.

Visualise your user’s journey using a map

This is an example of a user journey mapped out where the a parent’s goal is to use the teacher’s email to set up a weekly home learning plan for their child.

Emotion                 Step

Prepare        Comprehend        Act        Review        Conclude

- Get 5 day cardboard calendar
- Get post its
- Read email
- Take in tasks
- Make sure I am clear
- Create a post it for new projects for this week
- Stick to board
- All post its are reviewed against original email
- Board populated from Monday to Friday
- Clear learning tasks in place

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Prototype new ideas

- Use clear headings and clear instructions.
- Always put important information on top.
- White space = good = clear presentation.
- High contrast = good = Black letters / white background.

Feedback is a force for good

- Set clear expectations at the start for the user.
- Let them meet expectations.
- If they can't, let them tell you.

Social presence
- Teachers, don’t forget who you are

- Bringing your teaching style and approach online, will instill comfort and familiarity.
- If you have a profile, complete it with your photo.
- Engage learners with storytelling.
- Recorded audio feedback is quick and personal.