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Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear parents

From Monday our 'Blended and Remote Learning' will operate through Google Classrooms for Years 1 to 6. This will be highly beneficial for the children learning from home during the current lockdown and facilitate learning for any child who needs to self-isolate moving forward. Google Classrooms will also be our learning platform going forward in the future for setting homework activities.

Google classrooms will allow teachers and children to:

- Set learning activities
- Pre-record teaching
- Live streams for face-to-face interaction
- Submit learning activities

Hopefully, all of this will help to make remote learning easier for parents. However, we understand this is a new challenge for us all and want to approach the launch with 'baby steps' to enable us all to become familiar with how Google Classrooms operates. I am sure some children and parents will be confident in operating ICT systems and will relish the opportunity; whereas others may be unsure and have worries around accessing learning in this way - this is understandable and we will do all we can as a school to support you. Please be mindful that this is completely new and self-taught for staff in school too whilst we awaiting official training, so please bear with us if there are some 'teething problems' but we will do our best to get this operating to a high standard as quickly as we can.

The first thing all children will need is an electronic device and a login for Google Classroom - advice regarding devices is attached to the same email so please read this carefully, before contacting school regarding loaning of devices, we only have a small amount of resources that we can loan and these must go to those families most in need.

The Google Classroom login web link: <https://classroom.google.com>

Google Classroom logins have been created for each child in our school, your child's login follows the format outlined below:

Example:

Email:

Password:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



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Google Classrooms is a completely secure platform and can only be accessed by children within our school. Children have been invited to their appropriate class group and will not be able to access their work through any other account, so if siblings are sharing devices at home they will need to login to their own account to access their daily learning.

If I could ask all parents to log in with their child to their Google Classroom account before the end of the school day on Friday. You will find a welcome message from their class teacher and the Google Classroom rules that must be followed whilst using this platform – this will be their first assignment in this learning environment and is intended as a ‘trial run’ to ensure all children can log in and see where to access the work. All the children need to do is read the rules and then click the mark as done button this will notify their teacher they have completed this task so we know you have been able to access the platform. On Monday parents will receive further instruction and help sheets on how to upload work completed by their child.

Staff have put a resource pack together for each child, this includes:

- a pencil
- their reading record – which contain logins for other learning platforms such as Purple Mash and Times Table Rock Stars
- a lined exercise book for written work to be completed in
- a squared exercise book for maths work to be completed in

These can be collected from school tomorrow, Friday 7th January from the back car park (enter onto the school car park, walk past the main office), please see timetable below. If you have more than one child, you will be able to collect these at the same time. Please bring a bag to put these items into.

Year 6	9:30 – 10:00	Year 3	11:45 – 12:15
Year 5	10:15 – 10:45	Year 2	1:30 – 2:00
Year 4	11:00 – 11:30	Year 1	2:15 – 2:45

Parents will notice we have chosen to send home the children’s actual books which they use in school, some of these are new books as they completed their first books last term. We are sending these books because we wish to raise both the profile and the importance of the remote learning your child will be engaging in, as well as the expectation of the standards expected. We request parents take care of the exercise books as they will need to be returned to school once lockdown has ended.

Other essential documents attached to this email for you to read are:

- Advice regarding electronic devices
- What to expect in a typical remote learning day in Google Classroom



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- Blended and Remote Learning agreement
- Home Learning Presentation Policy

Yours sincerely

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