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Dear Parents/Carers

Home Learning on Google Classroom – Years 1 to 6

As parents of pupils in Year 1 to 6 will know, we successfully used Google Classroom throughout last year to provide home learning and remote learning to pupils.

In line with other schools in the local area, and in recognition of the digital age in which all live, we have made the decision to move all of our Home Learning onto our Google Classroom platform from this point forwards.

All pupils in the school have a G Suite for Education account on the school's Google domain and are automatically joined to their Google Classroom (there is no need for a 'joining code'). Parents cannot sign into the classroom with their own email addresses, as membership of each class is for the pupils only.

Login details will be shared with the parents/carers of new pupils in Reception and Nursery to the email address of the primary parent/carer held by the school by the end of next week.

On their Google Classroom, your child will find their home learning tasks for this half-term. Once in Google Classroom, to view the Home Learning activities, click on "Classwork" at the top of the page. There is a folder for Maths and a folder for their current topic. Children are expected to complete a minimum of 3 tasks from each folder (there are a choice of 6 tasks in each folder).

(NB. Year 6 have already been advised of their home learning schedule, in preparation for secondary school next year, in a letter on the 16th September 2021 from the Year 6 Team).

A Google Doc has been created for each task which your child can complete the work on and submit it this way; or they might choose to complete it practically or on paper, in which case you can take a photograph on a mobile phone and upload this to submit it.

With a G Suite for Education account, your child has automatic access to a collection of cloud-based tools including Google Docs, Google Slides and Jamboard, so if they want to use a different tool to the Google Doc, i.e. creating a slideshow, then they are welcome to do so, making sure that they submit this in the same way. Children in KS2 are taught how to use these tools in school, so they are familiar with how to do this.

Children can access Google Classroom from anywhere with an internet connection when they download the Google Classroom app to their device or access it via the Google webpage. Google Classroom will make it easier for you and your child to access their learning when they are at home. It will be clearly organised so the latest work is easy to find. Each classroom is private to the pupils who have been invited to join that classroom and the teacher who manages the classroom.

Remember to sign out of any other Gmail/Google account that you or anyone else who shares a device might use as you will only see the Google Classroom for your child when you sign in using their account details that we have sent. Contact us if you are unable to access the Google Classroom for your child.

For any child who are having to self-isolate due to a positive test and are well enough to work, or those having to quarantine after return from abroad, teachers will share the daily lessons via Google Classroom.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the letter of information we shared last year advising how to access Google Classroom for any parents who are unfamiliar with this.

As with all technology and online learning platforms that we use with pupils, the children should follow the acceptable use policy which we go through with them every year in our computing lessons. Please also remind them that the normal e-Safety rules apply. Children/parents/carers should not share their passwords with anyone to keep their child's account safe.

Yours sincerely



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