

St. Paul's Church of England Primary School Head Teacher: Mr C. M. Thornton

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are a week into Remote Learning and I think we are constantly learning. Following the recent announcement from the Government, we have made the decision to move all Remote Learning over to Google Classroom from Monday. Many of you will be familiar with this as we have been experimenting with it all week. We are currently updating our Remote Learning policy to reflect the change.

Why Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a free Google App that aims to simplify creating, distributing and assessing learning in a paperless way. Teachers can use Google Classroom to deliver live lessons, send announcements to entire classes, share resources, lesson notes, PowerPoints, videos, diagrams, and home learning. Pupils can use it to access work covered in class in school, at home or on the go. Parents can use some of the features of Google Classroom to help engage with and support pupils in their home learning. It is a free resource that can be accessed from any device connected to the internet - laptops, desktop computers, chromebooks, tablets, mobile phones XBOX or Playstation.

Children have been shown what their 'Google Classroom' looks like, so please log in, as soon as possible, with your child's unique username and password. This will be sent in a separate email or via dojo and will consist of an email address and password. If you have any problems with access, please Dojo your child's teacher.

We will still be using Dojo as a method of private communication between parents and children.

Children will be able to communicate with their teacher via Google Classroom. By 9am Monday morning a weekly timetable will be uploaded to Dojo for your reference. Children's work will be uploaded daily onto Google Classroom.

There will be undoubtedly times when working on paper is more appropriate. To submit this work to the class teacher, it will need to be uploaded to Google Classroom. The link below will take you to a video about how to upload work if no assignment is attached. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4JeCTfhvnl

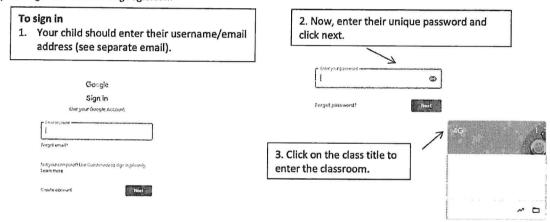
If you are having difficulty with devices or internet access, please get in touch as we may be able to help.

Take a look at this link below- How to access Google Classroom via your phone, XBOX or Playstation.

https://edtechawesomeness.com/2020/03/17/access-google-classroom-with-your-phone-your-xbox-or-your-playstation/

How to Access Google Classroom

Pupils can access Google Classroom using the mobile apps (Android and iOS), or via a web browser by visiting www.classroom.google.com



You will see the following options as tabs across the top of the page:



Stream

This is where your child will see posts from their teachers. Posts may contain links to websites, classwork set by your child's teacher or simple communications between all the members of the class. Posts are always monitored by your child's teacher, as are any accompanying comments made by individuals, so we ask that children only use this feature if they are asking a question about their work or responding sensibly to a post.

Classwork

This is where your child will access homework/curriculum content set by the teacher. This is the best way of accessing the content set rather than having to worry about searching on the Stream.

Any curriculum content added will be in the form of a Google Doc, Google Slide or other Google Suite app (If you are using a tablet, you may be required to download additional free apps) as this will allow the children to edit and hand in their work individually to the teacher.

There may also be links to access, sometimes PDF documents eg for spellings, homework menus etc.

Yours sincerely,

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