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Home Learning

As a school we have decided to start using 'Google Classroom' to access learning whilst at home. Google Classroom will also be used to support any child who has to remain at home. It may also be used for some homework activities in the future. Work on Google Classroom will be uploaded from the week beginning 11th January 2021. Before then, work can be accessed in the usual way via the website as normal through the Home Learning Tab.

What is 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 share resources, lesson notes, PowerPoints, diagrams, and home learning. Pupils can use it to access work covered in class in school, at home or on the go and complete home learning. 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 or mobile phones.

Children have been shown in class what their 'Google Classroom' looks like and have had a go at logging on, completing set activities and sending their completed work back to the teacher. Each child has a unique username and password, which consists of their email address and a Google generated password. **Please keep these safe.**

Username: _____

Password: _____

If you have any problems with access please email enquiry@stlrcnj.bham.sch.uk with title GOOGLE ACCESS or contact the school and someone will get back to you.

If families are struggling to access technology or the internet, please contact us to discuss how we can support you.

Parent Guide to Google Classroom

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What is G Suite for Education?

G Suite for Education is a set of Google apps: Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, Classroom, Calendar, and more designed with intelligent features that make work easier. It is a suite of tools that can help increase opportunities for critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity, all while supporting the learning. **Gmail will not be enabled** for children at this time. G Suite for Education tools are: **free, ad-free, reliable** and **secure**. These tools are already used by millions of pupils in schools around the world. There is no cost to use this service, but the best thing is that these tools are relevant to pupils, easy to use, and open doors to many new ways to learn.

Username and Password

Each child has a unique username and password to log on to their own class in Google Classroom. Children sign in with their email address eg. william.shakespeare@stlrcj.bham.sch.uk and their password. If you need any help with this please let the school know.

Accessing 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

To sign in

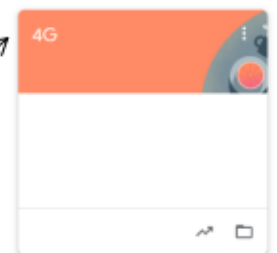
1. Your child should enter their username/email address (see separate email).



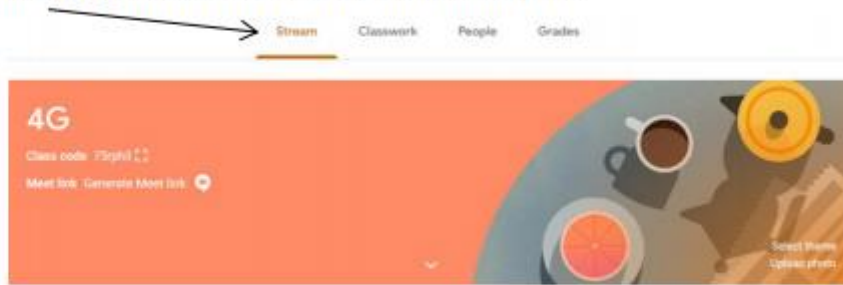
2. Now, enter their unique password and click next.



3. Click on the class title to enter the classroom.



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 or classwork set by your child's teacher. Comments at the moment may be enabled in some cases, depending on the year group and class; we ask that children only use this feature if they are asking a question about their work or responding sensibly to a post. The majority of comment functions will be disabled.

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. Tasks that are set to be completed online via the google apps e.g. in google sheets can be assessed by the teacher and, where necessary, a comment added.

There may also be links to access, sometimes PDF documents as well as links to learning clips e.g. BBC Bitesize, Oak National Academy etc.

How will Google Classroom be used if your child has to isolate/a year group bubble has to isolate?






Your child will be assigned daily learning/tasks linked to the curriculum being taught in school

- There is an expectation of a minimum of 3 hours of work per day e.g. maths, English, reading, other curriculum area

We understand that managing working from home and supporting children with home learning is a difficult juggling act, especially if more than one child is learning from home. The focus should be on the core subjects of maths and English as these lessons will reflect the learning in the classroom, which will then enable your child to be at the same learning point as the rest of the class/year group.

- At least 4 lessons per day which may include online video lessons from Oak academy, a DFE recommended site
- Online lessons may involve the children taking part in quizzes and learning new content
- BBC Bitesize may also be used and additional resources
- Some assignments will need to be completed using the following google apps
- Work is to be submitted in order for the teacher to mark



-  Docs
-  Slides
-  Sheets
-  Drawings
-  Forms

Please note that teachers may be working in school with their class of children during the week, unless the class bubble is isolating. If your child is self- isolating, this may mean the class teacher will not be able to respond immediately to work or queries. If the whole class is isolating, then teachers will also be working from home and can respond more readily.

Year group teams will work together and may share work across more than one classroom.

It is important that your child engages with home learning. If they are not, we will use the following strategies to provide additional support:

- Phone call home
- Home learning pack delivered, if Google Classroom cannot be accessed

Support for using Google Classroom at home



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI0H_SqITDA



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4JeCTfhvnl>

Gmail has been turned off so children cannot email each other or the teacher directly or create YouTube accounts.