

Introduction to Google Classroom and Google Meet

Why have we introduced Google Classroom instead of using the School Website for home learning?

1. It is a safer system
2. Teachers will have more control over what they can post
3. Teachers can post a variety of tasks and use attachments and links to Youtube videos to provide better resources
4. Our new website is to be kept for information
5. Work can be posted and handed in within Google Classrooms so no need to email
6. The teacher can provide feedback on the work.
7. Google Meet can be used as a virtual conference which is safer than Zoom.

When will we use Google Classrooms?

There will be two reasons.

1. Weekly home learning. Everyone will have some home learning on Google Classrooms weekly. This might just be weekly spellings to begin with. Spellings will not be sent by paper.
2. If your family need to self-isolate. A programme of learning tasks will be provided daily through Google Classroom.

If everyone gets to used to using Google Classrooms for weekly home learning then if they suddenly need to self-isolate, they are already familiar with using the format.

Can I use my own Google Account?

No, the children will be given their own account which will end:
whitchurchprimary.com

This is not an email account as we have disabled the email part of it.

If you are having problems, it might be because you are trying to use the wrong account. You may have to use the option to switch accounts. On mine if a click on the letter in the blue circle on the right-hand side, it brings up the option to change accounts or add another account.

Where can I use it?

Anywhere where you have access to the Internet.

You can use the app on a mobile phone or on a computer.

On Android or Apple you can access the app through the App store or Playstore.

Paper and pen?

You can download and print out the worksheets.

You can upload a photo of your child's work on to their Google Classroom. This is best done on from a mobile.

Is it safe?

Yes, it is a safe product and you can access our GDPR risk assessment from the school website.

As always, please be careful and ensure that passwords are kept safe.

Please remind children about online safety.

Logging in for the first time

1. you will have received an invitation to sign up to Google Classroom for your child by text. The text will be to the number you have given school for Parent Mail.
2. The text will have come from Wonde. Click the accept button.
3. On a computer the recommended browser to use is Chrome. The others should work but there may be more problems with them.
4. Search for classroom.google.com or click the link from the home learning page on the school website.
5. You will need to add your child's account. This is the one which has been sent to you and ends....whitchurchprimary.com
6. Make sure that Google does not go back to your own account if you have one.
7. You will be asked to accept the conditions and might be asked to choose a new password.
8. You may need to select "I am a student"

Google Classroom

There are two parts which the children will need to use.

1. Stream - this is like a noticeboard. The teachers can message the children directly here and not need to send an email.
2. Classwork - this is where the children's work will be posted.

Assignments

There are several types of assignment.

1. A question - the teacher poses a question for the children to reply to.
2. A quiz - several questions to answer
3. A worksheet - this is likely to be a PDF and so children will need to either print it off or work or write their answers on a paper, take a photo and upload it for the teacher to see.

The teacher may provide material to support the child's learning, this could be text, a Powerpoint or a link to a video.

Submitting work

You can upload photos of work from an i-pad or mobile

In the classwork tab select the assignment which you want to upload work for.

At the bottom of the screen click the arrow which will bring up the option to attach a photo. Select the photo from your i-pad or i-phone which you will already have taken of your work. This will upload and show as an added attachment. If you would like you can write a private comment to your teacher then click on the arrow to submit. Then click the grey box which says “hand-in”. A day or two later go back to see what your teacher has said about your work.

Click on the small icon of a person to see a list of the work you have submitted and what is outstanding.

Google Meet

The teacher may arrange to speak to the child directly or they may be asked to join in with a group event such as Friday worship. The child will be sent the link to this via the Stream part of Google Classroom.