

Google Classroom

In order to support home learning during a bubble or whole school closure, we have decided to implement Google Classroom. This is an online platform which will make it much easier for class teachers to communicate with pupils and set learning opportunities.

Children in Years 2 to 6 have been set up with an account which consists of an email address (which is their username and will be their firstname.surname@bedwell.herts.sch.uk) and a password. As most of the classes have been introduced to Google Classroom in school, your child/children should have logged in and had a go at completing work using this platform in class. However, if your child is yet to experience how Google Classroom works, there are further instructions below to help them (and you) understand how it works.

Downloading and accessing Google Classroom

Google Classroom can be accessed either through a free app (available either on the Apple Store or Google Play) or through the internet on laptops or desktops. If you are logging on through the internet, type in classroom.google.com into the address bar. Children will see a log in screen and will need to enter their username on the first screen, press 'next' and enter their password on the second screen.

The 'stream' (the front page) is where teachers can direct children to learning links and websites and would be the best place for children to explore when they first access their classroom.

On the 'classwork' tab, there may also be assignments, quizzes or questions which have been set. Clear instructions will be written to explain how to complete each task. Children do not need to save anything anywhere, as Google automatically saves their work as they go in a folder that their teacher can see. There is no expectation to print out any of the lessons - just open the page and complete the work on the Google document provided, or on paper (if available at home).

If there is an issue, children can send a private message to their teacher asking for help. If you cannot login at all, please contact the school office via admin@bedwell.herts.sch.uk and we'll try to fix the problem as quickly as we can.

For further instructions, please go to:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=88idNZxeZbo

This video gives a step-by-step introduction to the functions of Google Classroom. It has been created by a teacher from another school, so the expectations are not the same as ours, but it will show you how to log on and give an idea of what a classroom looks like.

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Please don't forget that your child also has access to TimesTable Rock Stars and Mathletics. Your child's teacher may also set challenges to be completed using these platforms. If your child needs log in details for either of these, please contact their teacher or the school office.

Expectations

Please read the following information about what our expectations are in the event of a bubble or whole school closure due to COVID-19.

Teachers

All teachers from Year One to Year Six will be uploading daily tasks via Google Classroom every day. This will consist of up to three lessons or learning opportunities (with a focus on prior learning in maths and English). The quantity of work will vary from year group to year group, and some work might be practical or project based (meaning it could take more than one day to complete).

Examples of tasks set could include, but is not limited to:

- A quiz
- Links to online tasks (eg. Mathletics, Oak Academy, Literacy Shed)
- A practical activity (making a model or drawing a picture)
- A written task
- Watching a short clip
- Interacting with the teacher via Google meets

Teachers will also be uploading assemblies and will be available during the school day to support your child via Google classroom.

Parents

Please provide encouragement, time and space for quality learning to take place, including access to a device and wi-fi for a few hours each day. We are aware that some households have limited access, but please try and allow time for learning to occur for all who need it. Also, please regularly check the school's website for news and updates.

Ensure that you are aware of what your child is accessing online, and monitor the amount of home learning that is taking place. Via Google classroom, allow your child the opportunity to communicate with the class teacher regarding any achievements, concerns or queries.

Children

We would encourage children to:

- Log onto Google Classroom daily to check for new tasks
- Try and complete as many online learning tasks as they can
- Communicate with their class teacher if they need help
- Ask adults at home to support them with their learning

We are determined to do all we can to ensure learning can continue, no matter what life may throw at our community, and are very grateful for your continued support.