

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the recommendations on useful sites sent out this week, we are working hard to develop processes for the delivery of class-specific tasks and activities for the children. This remote learning will endeavour to continue their development in the areas required and at the level required, though obviously only as far as we can with the restrictions that such distancing brings.

To begin with, Classes 2 and 3 will receive activities through Google Classroom, an online platform that most are familiar with. Those in school for the last few days will have received some training in how to use it; for the others, it is very easy to pick up. Everything is designed to use free, web-based software so freeing up platform choice with no end-user costs.

Attached is a document that addresses questions on how to access the Classroom site with a brief overview on how to access the work.

The precise nature and frequency of the work will settle once there has been sufficient time to assess its initial implementation; this situation has been thrust upon us, and as such, these processes will no doubt evolve over time to suit.

We are actively discussing its use for Class 1 and how this could work and any information on this will follow.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind **all** parents that we are all working **extremely** hard behind the scenes, with NO clear guidance from the Government. I will be updating you all as often as I can and as soon as we get any further information from the powers that be forwarding it on to you. If parents are worried about 'how' to teach their children then please ask your children! The older children (class 2 and 3) all know the maths work and English work that they have been set and should be able to show you have it is done. There has been nothing set so far that the children are not already familiar with. Equally, ask people who used to be teachers themselves in a previous life.

May I also remind parents that the whole reason we are doing this is for the greater good, not the individual. We must all self-isolate and avoid 'group' meetings or get-togethers. Italy didn't take the self-isolation phase seriously and look where they are now.

I know that the Y6s were very upset today that tomorrow may be their last day at this school. I sincerely hope not, but even if it is, we will do loads of leaving activities when school is back open and invite you all back to take part. **We** don't want to leave you like this anymore than **you** want to leave us like this.

Please bear with us in these trying times ahead. We are **all** devastated, but must pull together to make this phase successful in order to get schools open again quickly – hopefully before the end of term.