

SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

GOOGLE CLASSROOM / REMOTE LEARNING

In Year 2 to Year 4 we will now be using Google Classroom for remote home learning. In the event of a class bubble / year group having to self-isolate staff will be able to engage with children via this learning platform. In some year groups staff have also begun to set simple homework tasks / send messages to the children, to encourage children to log in and access the Google Classroom so that they are familiar with it in the event their class has to self-isolate.

Google Classroom is an educational tool, which will be used strictly for educational purposes. Each class has a page, which includes work for pupils to complete at home, links to helpful websites. It also provides a platform for pupils to keep in touch with their teacher, which is important if the children are working remotely.

In Google Classroom teachers will be able to set daily work for their class if they are required to work remotely from home. They will also be able to ask their teachers questions about their learning and the teacher will respond and provide feedback. Although the pupils are able to reply to a comment left by a member of staff, we ask that this is only related to the work/ activities that have been set and not simply a tool to converse between pupils.

To help with this we have produced a guide that can be found below to show children and parents how to log in and use the classroom. (Log in details have been sent home in children's reading diaries).

If you have any problems with your log in please email the class teacher. (PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE PASSWORDS / LOG INS as these are linked to a child's log in details for our ICT suite)

We appreciate that it may take a little while for the children and parents to become familiar with Google Classroom, so please do not worry at all if your child can not log in or has any problems e.g. submitting work. We can solve any 'teething problems' we encounter together, as this new way of working evolves over the term.

Mrs Hall Headteacher