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Dear Parents,

From tomorrow children will be able to log into their Google Classroom on a device such as a laptop, computer or smartphone and access resources and video lessons. We have set google classroom up with three lessons a day (Maths, English and one other subject). There may be a powerpoint or video lesson teaching children and showing them what task to complete. How this task is completed is up to the child and parent and does not need to be online.

Once in operation if you have any questions regarding the work, there is a private comments box to email your child's teacher. Any other school related questions can be directed to our main school admin email account (office@stnicholas.wilts.sch.uk).

All children have already logged onto Google Classrooms at school and have been shown how to use the platform. If your child is in KS2 and does not know their log in they can work it out in the following way. All logins start with the child's cohort number followed by their first initial and then @stnicschool.co.uk. For example a child in Y4 would be 16jbloggs@stnicschool.co.uk (The Cohort Years are as follows: Yr R-20, Y1-19,Y2-18,Y3-17,Y4-16, Y5-15, Y6-14)

Badger's children will continue to use Tapestry to access learning and contact with their teachers. Please use the web browser not the app to access all the activities.

Your child's teacher will be setting up a meeting on Google Meet for tomorrow morning where they will set out the expectations of your child's class in terms of Online Provision moving forward and they will meet with their classmates who are learning in school. You can access Meet on a laptop through google classrooms or in the Meet App which can be downloaded for Smart phones/tablets.

Please see p.5 of the Remote Learning Policy which can be found on our website for more specific information related to your child's class.

We really saw the benefits to children who participated in home learning during Lockdown 1 last Spring, and expect all children to engage with as much remote learning as possible. If you foresee having any difficulties that you think we can help with please let us know now and we will do our best to support you.

A further letter will be sent home today from the Headteacher regarding this new situation that we all find ourselves in.

Best wishes,

Lucy Hill Deputy Headteacher











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Frequently Asked Questions for Google Classroom

How do I log my child on?

Open Google Chrome

Search: Google Classroom Login

Add Account

Enter email address provided (14Jbloggs@stnicschool.co.uk)

Enter Password provided

Can my child type directly onto the documents?

This is not always possible. The documents are to be used to either print off, copy (where possible into word) or use as a prompt for discussion and exploration.

We have also recommended lots of interactive websites that your child can access to support their learning and to keep them busy.

I don't have a printer / paper. What should I do?

Please do not worry. Google Classroom can be accessed via a mobile device or a PC. We do not expect printed work. Where possible, create versions on scrap paper at home or simply use the documents as a tool for discussion or a starting point for your child to do their own versions. Or, where appropriate, children can type their response to their learning directly into the comments box and send these back to their class teacher.

Does my child need to complete everything listed?

Not at all.

Ideally, we would like children to practise some form of reading (including phonics in KS1), writing and maths each day.

What do I do if my child is unwell?

Please allow your child to recover before carrying out any learning.

How do I contact school

Please email office@stnicholas.wilts.sch.uk as usual and this will be forwarded on to the class teacher. There is also a handy comments box on google classroom. One that is shared with the whole class and the other only with the class teacher to ask questions and so the class teacher can support during the day.

For safeguarding concerns, worries about your child's behaviour / needs, help with coping with the current situation etc. please email:

office@ but put 'Confidential FAO SSMITH' in the subject box







