Parents Guide to Google for Education for Remote Teaching and E-Learning

In the event of school closure, we have decided to use Google for Education platform as part of their remote teaching arrangements. The following guide for parents is intended to support families in helping their children engage with this process.

Google for Education Accounts

Your child has a Google for Education account which is assigned to our school. Google does not track the activities of this account for advertising or marketing reasons but we have full visibility of your child's actions whilst using Google Classroom.

If you are concerned about Google for Education you can find out more at https://safety.google/

Your child's account for Google for Education consists of a unique username which is based on their name and our school domain. This takes the form of an email address:

joeb@schooldomainname.uk

This email address doesn't function as an email address, it's just a username and Gmail is not available to pupils. They have also been allocated a password. Your child should have their log-n details

We recommend children and parents try and access their Google for Education accounts while the school is open and please let us know if you have any concerns or questions at this stage.

Finally, our IT support provider 123ICT, is supporting and training our teaching staff. Their support will also be available to our parent community and further details will follow about how you can contact them. The practicalities of remote teaching is a learning curve for all of us and I would appeal for patience as we all get up to speed with our Google for Education platform.

How does my child access their Google for Education account?

Google for Education can be accessed from any computer or tablet that has access to the internet.

You simply go to Google and login with your child's Google for Education username and password:



Type of device	Notes				
Chromebook	Your child will have an email address and password. They need to type in the FULL email address (unless they are using a school-provided device) otherwise the device will complete the domain with @google.com which will not work. Once logged in they will need to open the chrome browser if it doesn't automatically do so.				
Windows Laptop	Pupils will need access to the Chrome browser (it should be as up to date as possible). Your child will need a separate profile on Chrome unless they are the sole user of the device. To do this click People from the top bar and click 'Add Person' to add a new profile (see below).				
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	They should then sign in using their school Google for Education account using the full email address and password.				
Tablets	Because these devices do not readily support multi-window work in the same way as laptops and desktops the experience is slightly more tricky				
irau	as pupils will have to move from app to app.				
iPhones	For the best experience we recommend installing the following apps: Google Chrome				
Android	Google Classroom				
	Google Drive				
	Google Docs				
	Google Slides				
	Google Sheets				

Where do I find Google for Education Apps?

On laptop computers you need to open up Google Chrome browser:



Google Grid (or waffle)

At the top of Google search page is the Google Waffle which all the Google for Education apps:



Google Classroom

Google classroom is a tool your child's teacher can use to share web links, videos and files with your child. They can also set 'assignments' which can be completed online. Your child can be a member of more than one Google Classroom so it is important they know which classroom they are expected to use and when. The teacher can easily share resources and also set work which might be specifically for your child or could be a collaborative piece of work which several children at once might be working on at the same time.



To access Google Classroom pupils can use the classroom app or visit https://classroom.google.com/



Drive	Docs	Slides	Sheets	Sites
Drive is the place where work is stored and shared. All of your child's work is here and your child's teacher can also share resources such as photos here which your child can then use in their work.	Docs is a word processor which is compatible with Microsoft Word. It is used for writing.	Slides is used to make presentations and is compatible with Microsoft Powerpoint. Presentations can include text, images and even film.	Sheets is a spreadsheet program which is compatible with Excel. It can be used to organise and present data using charts and graphs.	Sites allows children and teachers to create websites. These are for internal use (those with a school login) only by default.