

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the developments that have taken place over the last few months to best manage digital and blended learning for children at Durweston. We have created a way forward which we believe meets the needs of the school community using the technology and skills we have available.

You should all have received by now, a summary of your child's online accounts. These may be fixed into your child's reading record or have been sent to you by email. Please keep these safe as they will be necessary for remote learning to be successful.

Using Government funding available to us, we have set up Google Classrooms as our digital learning platform. If your child should be off with a positive test result or isolating as a result of a Public Health England recommendation, they can access work using Google Classroom. Please note, work will not be available on the first day of absence and Google Classroom will be the only way you or your child will be able to access schoolwork.

A guide to using Google Classroom and our Remote Learning Policy is attached to this email and available on the school website on the COVID-19 support page.

Unfortunately, if we do end up partly or fully closed as a class or whole school, no-one will be available to help with technical problems. Therefore, we encourage you to check your child's email account works and that they can access Google Classrooms as a matter of urgency. As a staff, we found solving technical problems limited our availability for those children who needed it and significantly reduced the time we could spend on providing feedback to children and preparing work.

So, on to our Homework task....

There is an assignment waiting in your child's Google Classroom. To help us identify potential barriers to the children's remote learning, we are asking all families to access and complete this assignment. The submission deadline is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Think of it like a reverse Escape room experience...

Full instructions for accessing Google Classroom are on a separate document attached to this email. They are also available on the COVID-19 page of the school website.

If you could exhaust all possible technical support material available to you before contacting your child's class teacher for support, we would be truly grateful.

Best Wishes,

Julia Saint