

GSuite FAQ

Where are the Google Meets being held?

Each teacher is running this in a slightly different way depending on the permissions granted for their Year Group and the device they are using. Please check with the teacher leading online learning for your Year Group via the Year Group email address.

Which classrooms should I have access to?

Your child will have been invited to the classrooms that they will need. This is most usually their own class and their Year Group. Please click 'accept' to have access to these rooms.

Can I use my own log in?

We would prefer you to use the assigned Applecroft username, as this is the account to which work will be sent when teachers choose to allocate individual or differentiated work. Furthermore, accessing a Google Meet from a non-Applecroft account can be denied by the system, or whilst it can be accepted by the teacher, it is preferable not to have this extra thing to do during a live meet, especially if the address trying to connect is not one we recognise (we might not know who you are and will have to stop teaching to check!)

How often will there be a live Google Meet?

Currently, the teachers are offering one Google Meet per day for both classes; for some Year Groups this may be the same teacher running the same session twice, which takes up a fair amount of time in the morning. We also do not want either staff or pupils to spend a huge amount of time at their screens and devices if possible, so at the moment we are limiting to one session per day. The teachers will plan which subject this will be. In addition to one morning session per day, pupils will be invited to a 'Monday Meet' once per week, starting Monday 8th June. Again, the teachers in the relevant Year Groups will communicate this information.

Do the children have to do all their work online?

The brilliance of Google classroom is that teachers can set online assignments, which can be completed and sent directly back to the teacher. However, we do not want to encourage too much screen time, and of course your handwriting and presentation skills are still important! Therefore, we will offer both a mix and a choice - many of the activities could be completed online if required, but are also available to be printed out or written into workbooks. Photos of non-device work can be uploaded and submitted to each assignment. It is up to you how much of a balance you wish to have between online and offline activities, both will be available to you.

Can we have a 1:1 session for reading?

We are not allowing 1:1 sessions with children at the moment for safeguarding purposes.

Is Google Classroom replacing everything else?

Google classroom is in addition to our previous provision, and as such websites such as TTRockstars, PurpleMash and MyMaths are still accessible and can still be used to set work by the teachers. The Year Group emails are still being checked regularly. The one change is

that from Monday 8th June, work will no longer be posted on the Applecroft website, but only through Google Classroom.

My child missed / will miss the online Meet, how can they catch up?

All sessions are recorded, and from Monday 8th June these will be posted after the lesson for anyone who has missed it to catch up. The slides can also be uploaded to go through at your own pace.

Will Key Worker Children be able to access the Google Meets?

We are currently planning this so that we can allow for the Key Worker children, who are in mixed Year Group bubbles, to still engage with the Meet sessions from school. Until this is properly up and running, they can watch the Meets back later. We are planning with the teachers in school to ensure there is as much similar coverage as possible between school and home learning.