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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your continued support and understanding, as we have moved to remote learning overnight. I completely understand the complexities that this will have caused your family, from finding enough work spaces or devices, to trying to complete your own work whilst your children are at home. It really is a challenging time, so please do get in touch, if we can support in any way.

As I am sure you appreciate, we have been working at speed to open for KWVC and get our remote school up and running, and so without time to plan as effectively as we would have liked to, a couple of queries have popped up that I would like to resolve.

Do parents need to email work in or contact us with an update each week like last time?

No, you are welcome to share your lovely home learning, but now that Google Classroom is up and running, teachers will be able to see and engage with your child's learning. Should you wish to upload photographs or scanned pieces of work, please upload it via google classroom. A couple of videos have been prepared to help explain more about using Google Classroom. Please take time to watch both of them from the links below:

[Google Classroom Explanation 060121.mp4](#)

[Google Classroom Explanation Video 2 - 060121.mp4](#)

Should parents communicate through google classroom or through the year group email?

Should you wish to discuss your child's learning and engagement please communicate via google classroom private message. For more personal wellbeing please use the year group email. Quick queries can be resolved this way, and for anything more, it may be more appropriate to book a telephone call. Please note that, due to staffing rota's and absence this could be from any teacher in your child's year group.

Is the school going to set up zoom calls, for the classes at home again?

Yes we would absolutely love to see the children, we miss them already! Please can we ask for a couple of weeks, to settle into google classroom first, and once we are fully up and running we will send out more details on this.

Are teachers going to deliver online teaching?

Google classroom is a new platform for the staff of St. George's who are absolutely determined to become Google experts! We are looking forward to training next week on recording teacher inputs, for the children to watch at home. Once we are trained, we will write to parents with more information.

Is there the option to exchange home reading books, whilst the children are remote learning?

Unfortunately not, this would compromise our risk assessment, as we must restrict the number of people visiting the site. We understand that the Oxford Reading Tree site was really well used during the first lockdown, and so parent's are looking for something more. As a result we have teachers researching other virtual home reading options. In the meantime, please remember that any reading is worthwhile reading, this includes comics and recipe instructions!

You mentioned workbooks, is this a feature of Google Classroom?

Apologies for any confusion, the mention of a workbook was in reference to an exercise book for children to record any handwritten learning, and is not a feature on Google Classroom. During the last lockdown, schools had a couple of days to prepare and send workbooks home, which hasn't been the case this time round. Your child's work can be recorded on paper, their favourite notebook or a jotter that they have at home.

Thank you for your queries, I really have found them useful in ensuring we are communicating clearly, to give the children the best possible chance of being successful in their home learning. Please be kind to yourselves, you are doing an amazing job of supporting your children and the school, and it is hugely appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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