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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Google Classroom

As a school, we appreciate how challenging it can be to support your child with their learning from home. As a Staff Team, we have been exploring solutions to support remote learning, should the need arise in the future. We have chosen to use Google Classroom to ensure that all children have access to remote education, if required, as a result of the pandemic. Google Classroom is a free and secure learning network for teachers, children and schools. It provides a safe way for us to connect, share classwork, access homework, participate in Live Lessons and receive class information. We wish to reassure you that Class Dojo and Tapestry will continue to be used in addition to Google Classroom.

Using Google Classroom will allow you and your child to have access to learning at any time through the Internet and is accessible online and through any mobile devices with Internet capabilities—including iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Additionally, the use of Google Classroom will help keep you and your child informed of important messages and classwork. Google Classroom is also useful to check on work missed when absent and to ask questions about learning.

In addition to these benefits, this platform will enable us to provide children with Live Lessons. Your child will be taught how to access Google Classroom as part of the Computing curriculum. In addition to this, I have attached a short information guide to support you at home.

Google Classroom is used as an educational tool, strictly for educational purposes.

Guidelines for using Google Classroom are as follows:

- Children will be required to use appropriate grammar instead of texting language.
- The site will be used to discuss school-related content only.
- The teachers have created accounts for children so you can see the work that has been assigned to your son or daughter.
- The login information for Google Classroom accounts will be sent to you separately. The password is strictly confidential.
- Please be aware that all Live Lessons will be recorded to ensure that we can monitor behaviour and keep children safe online. These recordings will be saved and reviewed in full at the end of the lesson. Parents will be contacted if behaviour expectations are not being met.

Thank you so much for supporting our introduction of technology into our curriculum. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

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