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### Digital Devices & Blended/Remote Learning



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are all now well aware, the Coronavirus pandemic and previous 'lockdowns' has caused significant disruption to education and learning across the country. **In response, the government has stated that schools are required to provide remote education to those who need to self-isolate because they have tested positive, to learn from home if they are well enough to do so.** Schools are required to provide access to high quality online and offline teaching and learning activities linked to the schools normal curriculum and learning expectations. **All learners are expected to complete any activities and assignments that are allocated to them if they are well enough to do so.**

At Squirrel Hayes First School, we use 'Google Classrooms' in our blended approach to learning. Your child's Class Teacher issues your child's daily and weekly home learning tasks via 'Google Classrooms' and will also allocate learning linked to your child's curriculum timetable if they are self-isolating. Learning will be available from day two for self-isolation cases giving staff time to prepare and upload the necessary learning materials.

Regardless of the pandemic or Covid situation, 'Google Classrooms' is a fundamental part of our daily learning approach and home-school partnership. During the school day, learners of all ages' access on-line learning platforms and activities as part of their daily learning curriculum, this includes 'Google Classrooms'. As a school, we have invested in upgrades to our wifi and ICT infrastructure to ensure that all learners can benefit from digital learning experiences and gain confidence in using their ICT skills safely.

### Home-school-partnership in Learning



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'Google Classrooms' is your 'go to' space for all of your child's weekly home learning tasks. Due to the major disruption in learning caused by the pandemic, it is now more important than ever that you support your child in accessing 'Google Classroom's each week to aid them in their educational recovery. Home-learning tasks such as those listed below are available for your child each week:

- Spellings - **Compulsory**
- Over-learning & Discussion prompts - **optional**
- Bug Club - **optional**
- Oxford Owl - **optional**
- Times Table Rock Stars - **Compulsory**
- Numbots - **optional**
- Reading Dairy - **Compulsory** (submit the reading diary or drop a comment in the 'reading google classroom')

**We recognise that access to 'devices' and ability to connect to on-line activities at home will be different for everyone.** We have been looking a variety of options to support you in ensuring that your child has access to a reliable ICT device on which they can complete their weekly home -learning.

To help us explore this further **we need you to complete and submit your responses to the following simple survey. This can be done by clicking on the link below or clicking on the link, which will also be sent to you by text.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/LRtC7QVz7w>

We will be using the results and findings from the survey to organize loan devices to homes where access to a suitable laptop or chrome book is required. We want to support you as much as possible in helping your child to maximize their learning opportunities both in and outside of school through using 'Google Classrooms'.

If you are unsure how to help your child access their 'Google Classrooms' account, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office to request another copy of your child's login details.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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