



Google Classroom Guide for Parents



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What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a free Google App that aims to simplify creating, distributing and assessing learning in a paperless way, which will be particularly useful in the event of a bubble or whole-school closure during the Covid-19 pandemic. Teachers can use Google Classroom to send announcements share resources, lesson notes, PowerPoints, diagrams and set home learning tasks (either to entire classes or individual students as required). Parents can also use some of the features of Google Classroom to help engage with and support children in their home learning. It is a free resource that can be accessed from any device connected to the Internet - laptops, desktop computers, Chromebooks, tablets or mobile phones.

What is G Suite for Education?

G Suite for Education is a set of Google apps: Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, Classroom, Calendar and more, designed with intelligent features that make work easier. It is a suite of tools that can help increase opportunities for critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity, all while supporting the children's learning. It is important to note that Gmail email accounts **will not** be enabled for children at this time. G Suite for Education tools are free, do not contain adverts and are secure. These tools are already used by millions of pupils in schools around the world. There is no cost to use this service and the system has been designed to be simple and user-friendly for schoolchildren.

Accessing Google Classroom

Pupils can access Google Classroom using the mobile apps (Android and iOS), or via a web browser by visiting www.classroom.google.com. They should sign in using their @navenby.lincs.sch.uk login that they have been given by their teacher, but once again, this does not link to an email account. Once pupils have logged in, they will see the class overview page. From here they can see all of the classes they are registered with, a summary of any work due and will have the opportunity for scheduled, live meetings with their teacher and classmates for interactive lessons.

Accessing Resources

If pupils are accessing Google classroom from a mobile device, they should download the appropriate Google Apps to make best use of the shared resources. The most useful Google apps are: Classroom, Calendar, Docs and Drive. When home learning is set using Google Classroom, it can be submitted directly within Google Classroom online without needing to be printed. To open the homework, click on the appropriate post in the Stream or Classwork page. You will then see the homework description and any attached documents. The simplest way to complete the home learning online is to open the attachment and complete your assignment in this document. When you are finished, click on the mark as done button. You can even add your own attachments to your submission, such as photos, audio clips, videos, etc. Once the home learning has been marked by the teacher, you can see feedback and any comments made by the teacher by opening the home learning task as before.

Safety Features

Although many safety features have been enabled by our administrators, it is still the responsibility of parents to monitor what children are accessing online at home. We will continue to teach children the importance of being responsible digital citizens and accessing age appropriate material and we appreciate parents supporting this at home with their children.

Why have we chosen Google Classroom?

At Navenby Primary School, we want to give the children every opportunity to access our broad and balanced curriculum, including in the event of a partial or whole-school closure. By using Google Classroom, the children will be using an engaging resource which will enable staff to provide personalised home learning, offer opportunities for live lessons and meetings as well as individual marking feedback on a platform which is much more simple and child-friendly than other available systems.

Additionally, in Key Stage 2, this is also a useful preparatory tool for our children for secondary school home learning or the use of online remote learning platforms used for homework. After speaking to teachers at some of our local secondary schools, many of these schools are expecting their homework for multiple subjects to be completed online and feedback is that primary school children are sometimes not equipped to handle this transition.

If you have any comments, feedback or problems relating to the use of Google Classroom at home, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Miss Sheardown (Year 6 Teacher & ICT Co-Ordinator) directly at sarah.sheardown@navenby.lincs.sch.uk

Useful Help Videos

See the links below for useful help videos on the basics of Google Classroom:

What is Google Classroom?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jAYn3ZrihM&feature=emb_logo&safe=active

How to Submit Assignments:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=σ4JeCTfhvnl&feature=emb_logo&safe=active