

Dear Parents,

Due to the school closure beginning on Monday, we will be moving our learning onto the Google Classroom (which the students are already familiar with) and, from time to time, Google Meets.

Google Meets is a video conferencing tool that all the students have access to through their school email address. Today in class we demonstrated how to use this tool (and will of course send out instructions to anyone who was not there). We would like, in this way, to try and maintain a classroom atmosphere where possible. **If you do not wish for your child to feature in videoconferencing, please let us know.**

Our aim is to ensure that our wonderful students can continue their learning and keep them engaged, occupied and motivated. We will try, as much as possible, to continue with the curriculum as normal.

Our students should aim to complete 6 hours of English work a week. We will be online for support during school hours (9-4:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). The students know that they can ask questions on the Google Classroom stream, or by email.

The students should check their Google classroom every school day. Independent work will be set in the same way as it is for homework, with all the learning materials (video links, slides, words banks etc) attached. When we schedule a video conference using Google Meets, we will give plenty of notice (at least a day), in the hope that the children can have a device available, and will also record it so if anyone cannot attend, they can still benefit from the discussion.

In addition to the tasks set online, students should also be reading everyday, completing tasks on EducationCity and learning their spellings (we will let you know in due course how we intend to assess spellings).

Online learning is a very new concept for both us and our students, so we thank you all in advance for your patience, understanding and support.

Kindest regards,

Ceilidh Higgs and Sarah Joannes