

‘Together we grow, Together we flourish’

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Dear Parents,



Google Classroom for Home Learning Year 1

It has been extremely exciting to have all the children back in school over the last few weeks, and to be able to continue their learning journey in their new classes. However, as these unprecedented times continue, it is extremely important to us that every child is offered a consistent learning opportunity even if we are in another lockdown or whilst individuals are awaiting tests. To enable us to provide this consistent learning opportunity, last year we introduced the use of Google Classroom as our online learning platform for all our children in years 1 to 6 while EYFS continued to use Tapestry.

As your child is now in Year 1, we will be beginning to use Google Classroom to facilitate any future lockdown learning but also for setting regular home learning activities.

Google Classroom is an online platform that allows secure communication between teachers and pupils. It enables work to be set, learning to be submitted to their teachers and for secure communication between the whole class or between an individual and their teacher. The app can be accessed on any device that has internet access including laptops, desktop computers, smart phones and tablets. Teachers at Dartington Primary School will be using this resource to support children with learning both inside and outside of school, including for home learning tasks.

We have successfully used Google Classrooms as our online learning platform for the last 12 months for learning from home during lockdown, for those isolating and for regular home learning activities. We will be setting weekly home learning using Google Classrooms which will not only enable the children to complete their home learning activities and have them sent directly to their teacher, but also help the children and their families become more familiar with the system in case it should be needed for further learning from home in the future. All teachers will endeavor to be as active as possible on Google Classroom but please be understanding if teachers do not respond immediately, as they may also be teaching classes too.

Please find below a step-by-step guide for how to access Google Classroom and if you encounter any problems or concerns specific to your child and their learning, then please email dartington@lapsw.org. Your child's individual login details will be sent home today.

You have the right to withdraw consent at any time. If you wish to do this, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jones

Google Classroom Guide for Home Learning



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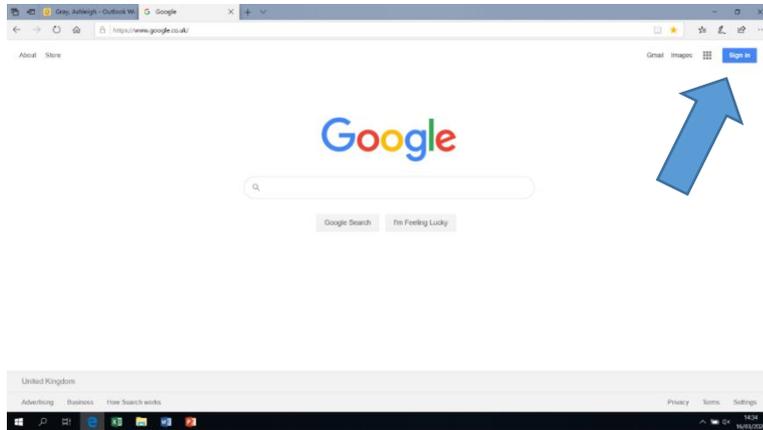


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Children must be logged in with their own Google account to access their classroom. This password cannot be changed so that we can ensure children can login when they are in school and at home.

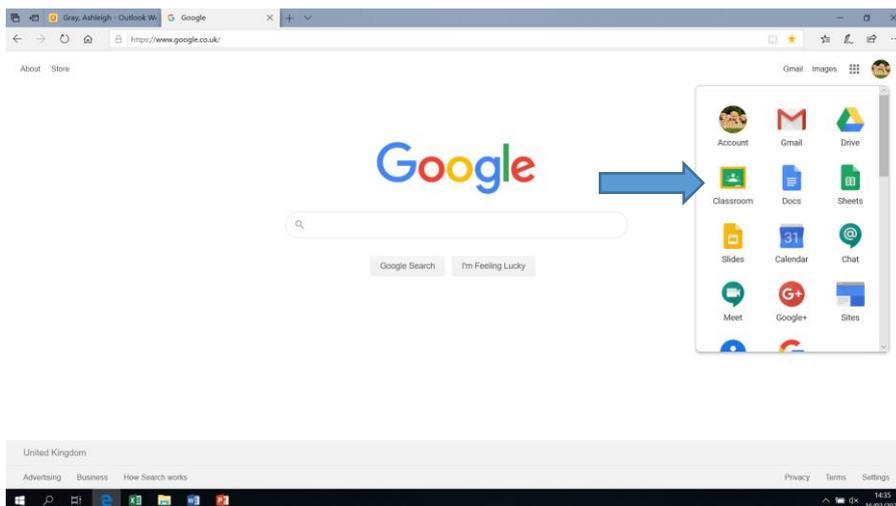
Step 1: Click the sign in button at the top right hand corner of the Google home page.



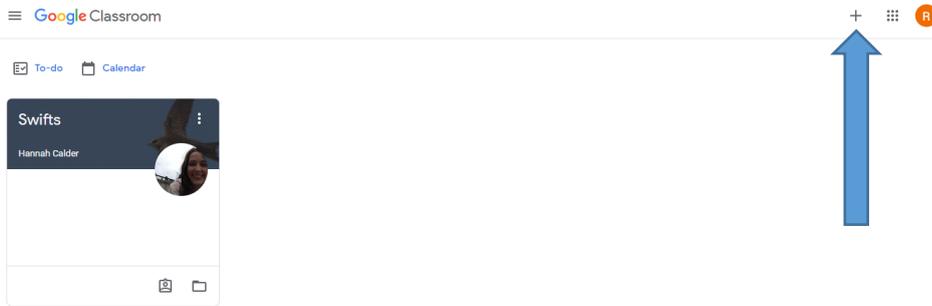
Step 2: Sign in with your child's Google username and password. Your child has already logged in with this login at school. If it does not work, please email dartington@lapsw.org.

Step 3: Now that you are logged into to your child's 'Google account' you will be able to access all of their 'Google apps'. These should appear as 9 dots next to the profile picture/letter at the top right of the Google homepage.

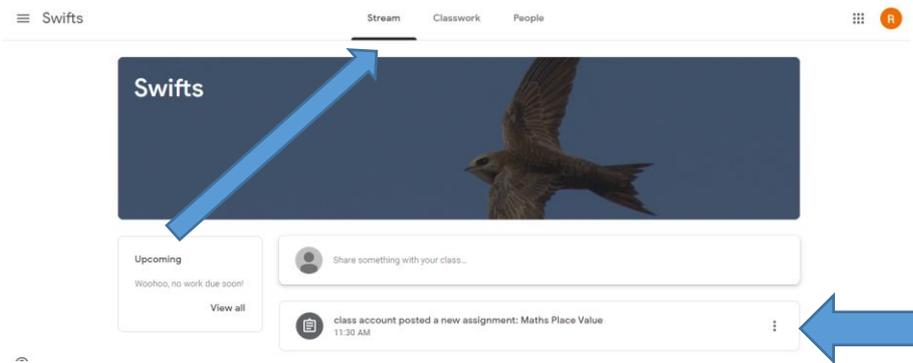
Step 4: In Google Apps select 'Google Classroom'. If this does not appear automatically then you'll need to search 'Google Classroom' in Google and select it from the search results.



Step 5: Now that you are in Google Classroom you should see your child's class page on the homepage. If not, click the add cross in the top right and 'join class' and type in your class code (sent home separately).



Step 6: Now that you are on your child's class page you should read any notifications from the teacher. The 'Stream' allows your child's class teacher and all members of the class to post comments and respond to posts. Remember, that everyone who is a member of your class can see these comments including the teacher who can delete anything that they think is inappropriate.



Step 7: Now that you are able to access your child's Google Classroom you'll be able to see any information, instructions or material posted by the teacher on the homepage. The next main section to visit regularly on your child's classroom is the 'Classwork' section. This is where all of your child's assignments and class material will be stored. Children will be set learning tasks, they will be able to privately message their teacher if they require assistance, and they will be able to submit the learning.

