



Dear parents and carers, as you would have heard and in many cases experienced, the Government has placed us all on alert regarding COVID19 for the possibility of full or partial school closures as well as requiring pupils and staff to isolate at home.

We have therefore continued to plan for all our pupils to have access to online learning using Satchel One (Show my Homework) and Google Classroom. This will allow teachers and pupils to interact in a live setting and access a structured timetable where possible. This guide is to inform you how it works, how you can be a part of it and how you can help your child. All pupils and parents/carers have been sent electronic 'how and why' guidance on how to use our platforms.

Please take a look at the video tutorials, play and pause them at your leisure and we all look forward to using online learning as an additional learning tool even beyond this difficult period of lockdown and social distancing.

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**Intent:**

To offer all pupils an online learning experience that...

1. ensures pupils receive clear explanations
2. supports growth in confidence with new material through scaffolded practice
3. Allows for the application of new knowledge or skills
4. enables pupils to receive feedback on how to progress

**Implementation:**

We use Google Classroom, Satchel One as our main online work tools alongside GCSEPOD, Seneca Online and Socrative.

A really helpful guide can be found in these 2 videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfgqtCi7hdo>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lowi-gmbys>



**What is Google Classroom?**  
Think of Google Classroom (GC)  
as your child's digital link to learning.  
Teachers use GC to share assignments,  
homework, newsletters, and much more!



Your child will be provided with a secure login and  
password from each subject class teacher through their  
school email.



The icon to access looks like  
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Once they have replied to the 'invite' in the  
email they can begin to read their teacher's  
comments, see work, use Google calendar and  
all the other features including Google Meet –  
the online video tool for face to face  
conversations and learning.



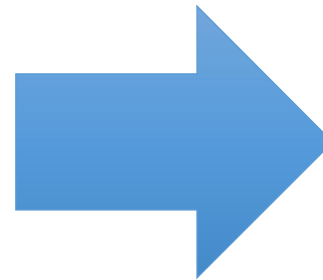
## GOOGLE MEET

This is a tool in Google classroom that will be used for Teachers and Staff to talk and see pupils in real time / live.

**This is similar to Zoom or Facetime. It will require a camera and/or microphone.**

Here is a really helpful video from a teacher who will summarise what it is and how it works!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiLkyQcftXw>





## GOOGLE GUARDIAN



This is a tool that allows you as a parent/guardian to be invited to see all the work set, completed and due as well as the content and online work your child is being tasked. You will be able to see their progress and all their teachers in one place.

Here is a really helpful video from a teacher!

He will give you an insight / tour from a Guardian perspective and cover all you need to understand...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VI9ofDHkIpE>



### **1. What is online/remote/blended learning?**

The technique of combining direct face-to-face teaching, separate group tasks and online learning to create a more engaging and diverse learning process. It's something that has grown in popularity recently and now holds extra weight in light of school closures, reopening and a generally unsettled education sector.

### **2. What are the benefits of this approach / why use it?**

Introducing blended learning and committing to it consistently can be a challenge at first, but once you have a system in place, we will all begin to see the benefits. You can expect increased engagement, deeper understanding of subjects and even a more manageable learning experiences as it is used more regularly. But perhaps the most important benefit is that blended learning gives students the freedom to mould their learning around their own learning style and improve their independent learning skills beyond the current use when it is used in response to COVID19.

### **3. What is flipped learning? Why do teachers label work 'flipped learning'?**

The flipped classroom turns the traditional approach of learning in class cementing knowledge at home on its head. Instead, students use online tools and resources set by the teacher to learn at home at their own pace. Then, when they turn up to class, or an online lesson, they should already have a good grasp of the topic and their learning should be accelerated.