



Upper Beeding Primary School

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GOOGLE CLASSROOM – Our new Remote Learning Platform!

As of Wednesday 6th January we will be reverting to online learning for all children who are at home. This will look different to our previous online provision as we are now using Google Classroom for all year groups. Children will need their login and password to access the remote learning. For children in KS2 this is a familiar learning platform that they have used in school and at home. If your child has forgotten or lost their password for Google Classroom please email the School Office and we will send this out to you.

For parents of children in Reception and KS1 your child should have their login or you will have received the details by email. We also have a useful video on our school website on how to access Google Classroom:

https://www.upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/learning_at_home/469025

Home Learning suggestions, videos and links will all be available to support parents with children's remote learning.

This is a new learning platform that we have been exploring over the last term and this will be the first time for many staff where we are using the platform to its full capacity. So, thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We believe that this will be a much better remote learning experience for all children.

Today, I have met with all staff and discussed the plans for remote education. They are currently working on getting the Google Classrooms set up for remote learning. Our aim is to have them fully operational for tomorrow.

Remote Learning Expectation

The remote learning government guidance and expectation for children is very different to previously. **We expect children to be accessing the learning provided by us at home and completing the tasks set.** There may be other providers you would also like to explore in addition to the work we set.

We will be continuing to offer a full curriculum and we will provide you with a weekly timetable so you can plan your time. The remote learning will be the same provision that the children in school are accessing. We hope to be able to link the children in through Google Meets and live learning at different times in the week.

Loan of Chromebooks

We are aware that some families may not have the technology at home to access Google Classroom. We have some Chromebooks in school which can be loaned out. If you would like one, please email the School Office (office@upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk). Initially we will limit these to one per family.

Remote Learning

We would like all children to login from 9:00am to see the daily activities set and submit all completed work for that day by 4:00pm.

There will be a full range of activities across the week. We would like children to do as much as possible. We fully appreciate that this is not the same as face-to-face teaching in school. Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be online during the school day to support and give feedback. We would encourage children (and parents) to ask if they are unsure what to do. Teachers will also make video explanations available to support key concepts. These may be from other providers like White Rose Maths or The Oak Academy, or recorded by the teacher themselves.



We have a number of platforms available to support key concepts including Sumdog, TT Rockstars, and Prodigy. You should have been sent the login details for these previously, but please contact the School Office if you are having any difficulties.

Exercise Books

If you need somewhere to record your child's home learning, we will make some exercise books available in the school lobby between 9am - 3.30pm daily. When coming up to school please make sure you keep social distancing from others and wear a mask. Only one person at a time is allowed to be in the lobby area.

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of the children is a primary concern for us. We will be monitoring engagement in the Google Classrooms and contacting parents of children who we have not registered in them.

If your child is unwell or isolating due to COVID, please let us know in the usual way by email or telephone, so that we can register them accordingly.

As the children will be online more during the coming days, please keep be mindful of their online activity. We expect children to use the internet safely and follow the safety rules. You can find more guidance at

https://www.upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/online_safety/185130

If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child in an emergency contact 999. For other matters, please contact the school so we can advise.

If children are concerned or have worries they can contact their class teacher through the Google Classroom. I will write again later in the week once it is clearer what the situation regarding the safe opening of the school is following national and local guidelines. The Governors and I are keeping the situation under regular review and our absolute aim is to get everyone back to school as quickly and safely as possible.

If you have any questions, please email the School Office or contact your class teacher.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

Keep safe and well.

Becky Linford
Headteacher

