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Dear Parents,

On Monday, we will be going live with Google Classroom for Years 1 to 5. You should have received an email this week detailing your child's login details. In our previous letter (dated 20.04.20) we also shared instructions with you regarding access to the classrooms. This document can also be viewed on the Bowes website. Please note, you do not need a class code to access the classroom, just your child's email and password.

This week, Year 6 have been accessing their online classroom and we have worked hard to resolve any of the initial issues. Thank you to the Year 6 team for working so efficiently to try to resolve these as quickly as possible. Thank you also to the Year 6 children and parents for bearing with us as we launch this new way of working.

We have created a section on the school website dedicated to Google Classroom and this can be found in the Home Learning section - <https://www.bowesprimaryschool.org/page/?title=Google+Classroom&pid=297>. Please take the time to visit this page as we have added some useful guides and videos on how to navigate your way around the classroom.

We would suggest that after accessing your child's classroom, you and your child familiarise yourself with the platform together. This will be where teachers will set work and send a daily message within the class stream. There will be a range of 'assignments' posted and some of the tasks can be uploaded/completed online for the teacher to view. We are trying to be mindful about screen time, so some tasks can be completed in your child's home learning book and then a photo could be uploaded to your child's Google Classroom.

Tasks (assignments) for the children to complete will be posted on a daily basis. You may wish to establish a routine at home to give the children structure in which to work. We would not advise working through task after task. Please add plenty of breaks in between. However, we do understand that you will be working within a range of circumstances and likely to be sharing electronic devices. If you miss any assignments, do not worry as they remain in the classroom. A weekly overview will also be posted in the classroom on Monday so that you are aware of what is coming up over the week. The weekly overview will also be posted in the year group pages on the school website.

We will continue to update the Bowes website year group pages with the weekly overview, but there will no longer be Home Learning Packs uploaded to the website for Years 1 – 6. We have made alternative arrangements for the families who have informed us that they have limited or no access to the internet or suitable electronic devices.

We look forward to having all of our KS1 and KS2 classes accessing their learning through Google Classroom next week, but please bear with us as we begin our journey. If you have any problems with access or use, then please email homelearning@bowesprimaryelt.org and we will respond as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely,

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