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Dear Parents and Carers,

During the first national lockdown, we used the PurpleMash platform to deliver remote learning. Whilst this did enable us to set up remote learning at very short notice, PurpleMash was not actually designed for this purpose and there were drawbacks. We will therefore be moving to using Google Classroom if a child, group of children or entire 'bubble' of children need to self-isolate.

All of our children have been set up with an account on Google Classroom. This platform allows children to be set personal learning tasks and allows teaching staff to interact with pupils more freely. For our youngest children in Early Years, this method will enable parents and carers to easily access activities posted by staff and provide feedback; for example, by posting a photo of your child completing an activity.

We are well aware that getting to grips with remote learning can be tricky and we are keen to help and support in any way possible. Please read the steps below, which will show you how to access Google Classroom.

- 1. Go to www.rmunify.com
- 2. Log in using the email address and password attached to this letter.



- 3. Select the Google Classroom tile.
- 4. Click the 'Join' button for your child's class. Enter the group code attached to this letter.
- 5. Click on Stream to access the class 'blog'.
- 6. Click on Classwork to view lessons.
- 7. When you enter your Google Classroom, you will see work that has been set for your child.

This is very much a learning curve for us all and we will no doubt develop how we post lessons to Google Classroom and how we use it to interact with children.

There is the ability within google classroom, for staff to set up live lessons. In the event of a bubble needing to isolate, staff will hold a drop in session at the beginning and end of each day to explain tasks and check to see how children are managing their work. Details of when these sessions run and how to access them will be shared via email if a bubble does indeed need to isolate.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Alun Randell

Head Teacher





