



# Bure Valley School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of updates to our Google classroom and online learning offer. When school closures were first implemented, our priority was to get access to online learning available for our pupils and to begin by providing daily reading, writing and maths tasks for all classes. Of course, at this time we had no idea how long this closure may go on for. As you can imagine, this has been a period of time which has involved a steep learning curve for our staff and we have been working hard behind the scenes to acquire both the skills and technology to increase what we are able to offer. We are now in a position to begin to do this. During the course of the last 10 weeks teachers in different year groups have added and offered learning ideas and opportunities as and when they have been able to. We would now like to make this more consistent across the school.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, the following things will begin to happen in all year groups: (it is important to note that some of these things may already be happening in your child's year group)

- The setting of a reading, writing and maths task on Google classroom daily will continue
- All other subjects will have suggested activities provided, also on Google classroom (regularly but not daily or even necessarily weekly)
- Teachers will begin to record and post some videos or provide links to pre-existing videos to support learning activities
- A daily question or challenge will be provided on Google classroom (this is to promote discussion between pupils and teachers on a daily basis)

As before, it is important to stress that this is what we are offering, not an exhaustive list of tasks which pupils must complete daily. Your child's wellbeing remains our utmost priority and so they (with your support) should select the activities they feel most comfortable completing in any given period of time. If you or your child are finding it difficult to access the online Google classroom learning for any reason, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher via email or via the school office where we will be happy to arrange to provide you with a printed set of work for your child to complete. However, we will not be able to take in the work and mark or offer feedback in the way we are able to with the work on Google classroom. This is in accordance with Covid 19 guidance.

The biggest addition we are making is to provide some one-to-one communication between school adults and pupils. To do this, we will be using Google meet (available from the same place as the Google classroom). There

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will be a video on how to do this and how to help your child to access their email account if they have not already done so, posted on the school website and on your child's Google class stream soon. We are aiming to have spoken to each child once a fortnight for the coming half term, but will need your support to do so.

Pupils will be sent an email with a date, time and link. At the allotted time in the email, they should click the link and will be connected with an adult from their year group and a small number of pupils from their class. Alternatively teachers may create a link in the google classroom stream for specific pupils to click at the correct time. Each of these Google 'meets' will be about 10-15 minutes long. We must stress that the focus of these meetings is not on teaching and learning, but providing an opportunity for a 'face to face' catch up and general chat about how things are going; a sort of virtual show and tell. Ideally, we would like to speak to all pupils in this way, but where this is not possible for you or where a pupil misses their Google meet time we will call by phone to have a brief individual chat with them.

We feel, and hope you will agree, that this is a positive way to re-establish face to face contact between pupils and staff. We are very much looking forward to seeing our pupils and chatting to them about what they have been up to. Please note that procedures will be slightly different for year 6 due to the fact that Year 6 teachers will be in school daily teaching. Year 6 teachers will be working towards regular contact with the pupils in the year group not in school and Google class work will still be provided and monitored at various points during the day.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind Regards  
Mr Olney