

Bryony School



19th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Continuing education at home whilst the school is closed

As you will be aware, the government announced last night that all schools, including independent schools, will need to close from 23rd March 2020.

We are fully committed to providing continuity of education for our pupils during these unrepresented and difficult times. Apologies for the length of this note but we have so much to tell you!

We are sending home text books, work books and exercise books tomorrow. Anyone who is already self-isolating please contact the office to arrange a no-contact collection of your child's work and belongings from 12 noon on Friday 20th March.

G Suite for Education

We are using G Suite for Education to help enhance the way we teach and learn. It is a package of web-based services that include a similar range of tools to Microsoft's Office suite.



Teaching staff and pupils have an individual account. Logon ID for pupils are derived from their name e.g.: firstname initial.surname@bryonyschool.org.uk (unless your child has the same initials and surname as a sibling so we have allocated your child with a modified username). **No personal information whatsoever**, i.e. dates of birth, gender, addresses have been provided to Google. If you have any trouble logging on please email me as the administrator on: s.notley@bryonyschool.org.uk

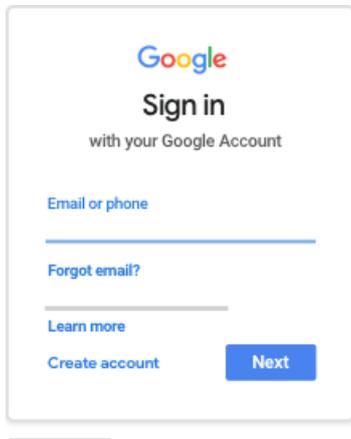
To use G suite your child will require access to a laptop, Iphone, ipad or android machine that has internet access and ideally a microphone. There are many online tools available - some of the more common tools we use are:

Name	How do I access?	What is it?
Google Drive 	drive.google.com	Cloud storage for all file types including images, videos and audio files. Students have unlimited storage and can access their files from any device, anywhere they have an internet connection.

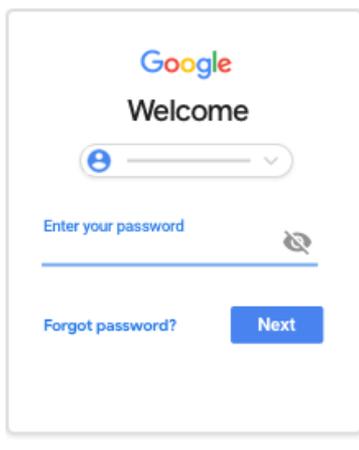
Gmail  Gmail	mail.google.com	<p>Gmail provides email storage with extra security including restricted incoming and outgoing email access. Pupils are NOT able to send and receive emails outside of our school community i.e. outside the domain 'bryonyschool.org.uk'. Staff can email outside the Bryony domain.</p>
Google Classroom 	classroom.google.com	<p>A blended learning platform that integrates Google Suite to allow teachers to assign and collect work from students. Some work has already been uploaded onto each virtual classroom.</p> <p>Classroom creates a paperless environment and saves time providing a way for teachers and students to easily communicate and stay organised. Teachers can authorise specific YouTube videos that can be watched by students as part of their learning.</p>
Google Slides 	slides.google.com	<p>Presentation tool that allows students to collaborate together on the same presentation and easily add images, videos and graphics to tell a story.</p> <p>Students can choose from templates or create their own slide format.</p>
Google Docs 	docs.google.com	<p>Word processing tool to allow students to create and edit text and paragraphs. Students can collaborate on the same document and teachers can easily provide feedback while students are working.</p>
Google Sheets 	sheets.google.com	<p>Spreadsheet tool for analysing, visualizing and charting data. Similar to the other G:Suite tools, students can easily share and collaborate in real-time.</p>
Google Calendar 	calendar.google.com	<p>Online calendar that integrates with Google Classroom to help students to be aware of assignments and/or appointments.</p>
Meet / Hangouts 	meet.google.com	<p>Video conferencing and chat facilities between staff and groups of children for lessons or between staff for meetings. Those without a bryonyschool.org.uk domain will be</p>

How to log into your child's google account:

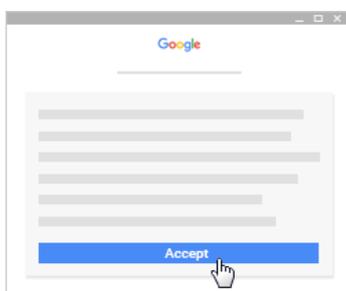
1. Go onto the website: www.google.co.uk . Top right hand corner of the screen log on.
2. Enter your username and click Next. firstname.surname@bryonyschool.org.uk (unless your child has the same initials and surname as a sibling so we have allocated your child with a modified username)



3. Enter your password and click Next.



If there is a welcome message, read it and click Accept. (those that have logged in and accepted this already will not see this)



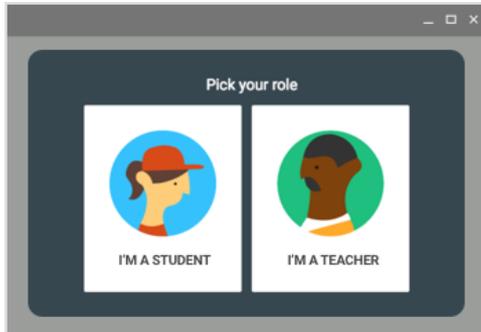
Then select one of the Google apps (see 9 dots at the top right of your screen).



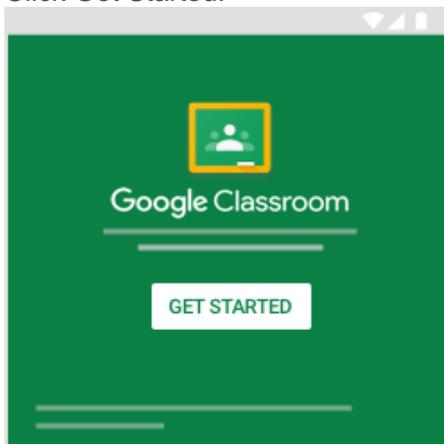
For example – **Google Classroom**



Click I'm A Student or I'm A Teacher.



Click Get Started.



For more information on how Google uses and handles data, please also see their privacy notice: https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html

Other important resources.

Workbooks, text books and G Suite for Education are not the only resources we are providing. There is a wealth of learning available online. See below.

English

Spelling Shed. - <https://play.edshed.com/loaduser> (Reception to Year 6 have logins)

Oxford Reading Tree - online reading for Pre-School to Year 2. (Parents have been given the password) <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/?selLanguage=en&mode=hub>

Harper Collins e books: <https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks>. Login as username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk and password Parents20!

Harper Collins KS1 and KS2 study books (English) <https://collins.co.uk/pages/support-learning-at-home-free-ks1-ks2-study-books-for-maths-english>

Harper Collins KS1 and KS2 practice papers (Maths and English): <https://collins.co.uk/pages/support-learning-at-home-free-ks1-ks2-study-books-for-maths-english>

Harper Collins KS1 and KS2 practice papers (Maths and English):

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/revision-key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-ages-5-11-resources>

Phonicsplay <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Username:march20 Password: home

Kent and Medway Libraries – the Library is always open online!

You can access audio and electronic books if you are a library member. If not, you can join online:

- <https://medway.overdrive.com/library/kids>

- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/borrow-library-items/join-library-cards-and-pin>

Note that any books on loan by Infant pupils from the visiting Medway Library bus are not due until 26th June (which is currently when we can next expect the next library bus to visit).

Teach handwriting –Cursive: www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/index.html

Vooks –Storybooks Brought for Life: www.vooks.com

Maths

Times Tables Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com> (Year 1 to Year 6 have logins)

Harper Collins KS1 and KS2 study books (English) <https://collins.co.uk/pages/support-learning-at-home-free-ks1-ks2-study-books-for-maths-english>

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White Rose Maths – www.whiterosemaths.com/resources

Master the Curriculum – www.masterthecurriculum.co.uk

Prodigy Maths: www.prodigygame.com

ICT

CS First: <https://csfirst.withgoogle.com/s/en/home> This is for upper KS2 i.e. Years 5 and 6). Lessons have been loaded onto Google Classrooms.

Alternative ICT coding and programme resources are ‘**Scratch**’ and ‘**Scratch Junior**’ below which are already used in school but you will need to access from home as a new user.

Scratch: <https://scratch.mit.edu/join> Contains computer programming activities for KS2. You will need to create a personal account for your child.

Scratch Junior: <https://www.scratchjr.org/> Contains computer programming activities for KS1. You will need to create a personal account for your child.

ICT Games – for literacy and maths: www.ictgames.co.uk

Bee Bot App for Computing: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/bee-bot/id500131639>

French and other foreign languages

Duolingo: <https://www.duolingo.com/welcome>. We recommend parents register their children from Reception to Year 6 via parent's emails. This is a free resource and you can set your child 5 to 20 minutes a day of language learning. We would recommend French to help them revise but you can also try other languages.

Early Years

Phonicsplay <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Username: march20 Password: home

Phonics Bloom www.phonicsbloom.com

Letters and Sounds: www.letters-and-sounds.com

Cbeebies –Alphablocks: www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks

Cbeebies –Numberblocks: www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks

Teach your monster to read: www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

Vooks –Storybooks Brought for Life: www.vooks.com

Physical and Mental Wellbeing

We want to ensure your health and happiness and those of our pupils are unaffected during these difficult times - it's so important that they remain active to maintain a healthy mind and body.

We would encourage your children (under your supervision) to participate in the online daily PE lesson with **Joe Wicks on his YouTube Chanel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

IMovement. <https://imoves.com/imovement-signup>. There are daily activities – exercise, mental wellbeing, yoga, dance etc.

BBC Supermovers: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers videos to support KS1 and KS2 maths, literacy, PHSE and PE.

Go Noodle – www.youtube.com/user/gonoodle/games/featured YouTube: hundreds of 'brainercise' dancing, strength and mindfulness videos.

Premier League Stars: www.plprimarystars.com videos and activities to support with maths, literacy, PSHE and PE.

YoungMinds - Children will understandably be anxious about Coronavirus. **Young Minds** www.youngminds.org.uk is an excellent organisation offering help and support for children and their parents. Parents helpline: 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30 -4pm).

Useful advice about talking to your child about Coronavirus and looking after our mental health while self-isolating can be found here:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/looking-after-your-mental-health-while-self-isolating/>

All subjects

Scholastic: <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

This website is updated weekly and provides 3 hours per day of learning opportunities for your child to do at home for 4 weeks. (Preschool to Year 6)

This site includes projects based on exciting articles and stories, virtual field trips, reading and geography challenges. It also provides an opportunity for children to 'dive deeper' and enhance their levels of understanding.

PurpleMash Whole Curriculum lessons. Parents can sign up to a free 14 day trial of this resource. <https://2simple.com/free-stuff/>

Top Marks: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> Interactive games.

Newsround: www.bbc.co.uk/newsround

Twinkl: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk> Parents can get a month of free access to parents. Th

Please find attached a list of additional online resources which you may subscribe to. We will be in regular contact through parentmail, online classroom and email. The Early Years teachers and parents will also continue to communicate via **Tapestry** –the existing online learning journal.

As I said above, any technical problems or questions, please contact me on s.notley@bryonyschool.org.uk.

Thank you for your continuing support. It means so very much.

Kindest regards

Mrs Notley