

Summercourt Academy

Head of School: Miss L Savage

Dear Parents/Carers,

8th January 2021

Firstly, thank you for patience and understanding. We are aware that you are receiving a high number of emails from us currently, please bear with us whilst we are ensuring all information is communicated in a timely manner along with all systems and procedures being put in place.

The main content of this email refers to remote/home learning support and expectations linked to Google Classroom. (Class 2, 3 and 4).

To enable teachers to provide feedback to pupils with reference to the work they are completing we will be asking parents/carers or pupils to upload photos of work completed. Teachers will be creating an assignment from next week onward to allocate an area in Google Classroom for this. **WB 11.1.21 Topic work and any other work you would like to hand in.**

We are specifically requesting for KS2 pupils in Class 3 and 4 and KS1 parents in Class 2 to upload one piece of work. This could be a weekly update containing photos to share your child's learning for the week. Please manage this in a way that suits you as a parent and your family the best. (You will only be able to access this assignment once so if you would prefer to upload a selection of photos of the weeks learning please do this on a Friday each week).

You are also able to upload attachments of photos or pdf documents to tasks daily if you prefer, via the hand in section where you will be able to upload attachments.

Some tasks set will also be via a google document which pupils will be able to type on to save their learning this way and turn in/submit.

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Please complete all other home learning tasks via a homework book or on paper. Class 4 and 3 pupils ae welcome to use their Autumn term homework book for this. Any parent can also contact Becky to arrange a suitable time to collect a workbook from school if required. There is no expectation or requirement to print the attachments on the home learning platforms, pupils can record answers to learning tasks on paper or in workbooks.

Mr Kelly has created a couple of videos for our Summercourt families, please see below. These will be available on your child's Google Classroom account by the **end of today.** (These are NOT links to be clicked on)

How to communicate with class teachers via Google Classroom.

How to upload photos or documents of completed work.

How to access and submit an assignment using Google Docs.

Parents in Class 1 - please continue to use **Tapestry** as you would do normally. We are specifically requesting for parents to upload one Tapestry observation a week. This could consist of a weekly update containing photos to share your child's learning for the week. We also welcome daily observations and photos. Please manage this in a way that suits you as a parent and family the best.

We are all aware of the additional pressures on many of our families at the moment and the need to juggle a number of responsibilities at the same time. The government are advising a minimum of three hours of home learning to be provided for our pupils. Please feel reassured that you can arrange and timetable the home learning each day to best meet the needs of your family and individual circumstances.

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Additional information linked to the use of devices:

Please click the link below to see how consoles (Play Station and XBOX) can be used to access Google Classroom. We thought this might be useful for some families.

https://bit.ly/38kbMzw

Please get in touch with us if you are experiencing any remote/home learning difficulties. Mr Kelly and the team are more than happy to create any additional videos to provide access support and demonstrations or phone parents to also offer IT support.

We hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Best wishes, Miss Savage and the Summercourt Team

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