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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, may I wish all those that are affected and feeling unwell a speedy recovery. I would also like to thank all parents and families who collected their child/ren yesterday and Friday for their support and acceptance in this very difficult time. It is not an easy decision to take to close the school especially when the school was already in full swing. It became evident yesterday morning that the number of confirmed cases was steadily increasing. By 8.45 am we had a total of 7 confirmed cases since Friday both in children and staff members with 17 staff members self-isolating. We therefore risked assessed if we could stay fully open, partially open or just to Key Workers. Due to the difficulty of mixing multiple bubbles of staff and children it was felt, in consultation with the LA, that this would present a risk to them now and on their return. We have always put the safety of our children, families and staff first and hope you support me in this decision.

Currently, only Years 5 and 6 children need to self-isolate and they have been informed of the dates they need to stay in until. There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Years R – 4. It is however essential that the school is kept informed of any further positive test results in household so that we can risk assess if any further action needs to take place. Please email this information through to office@bapchild.kent.sch.uk.

Our intention is to set on-line learning over the next two weeks. Year 5 have already made use of Google Classroom for lessons with children joining from home which is a great start. A help sheet is attached to this letter detailing how to log on. We have tried to ensure that parents and children have had access prior to this e.g. Google Hangout and Meetings through Harvest Festivals and Parents Evenings, so we hope everyone has already become familiar with it. Year group provision may slightly differ due to the age of the children and ability to be able to access the scope of Google Classroom. Some classes will have the opportunity to meet through Google Hangouts/Meetings and we will arrange a clearer itinerary for this. What we are also aware of is that not all households have full access to laptops etc, so if you require home-learning packs we can organise these by emailing the school office. There may be a slight delay in sending these out so please do try to use Google Classroom.

The return to school is still set for Monday 7th December and we hope the swift action we took yesterday has helped to minimise the spread. I am truly sorry for the disruption this causes in your household and thank you for your support.

I wish all those that are affected and feeling unwell a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher



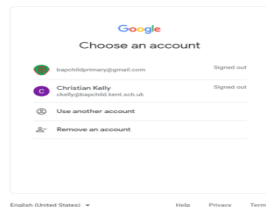
How to join a Google Classroom

1. All children have a Google Account managed by school. To log-in you need to access, through Chrome or Microsoft Edge, your child's account.

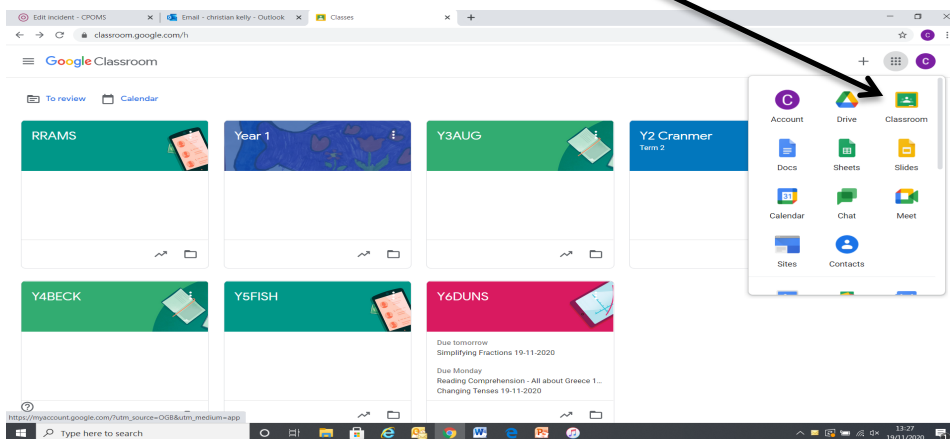
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PW: BapchildFirstname

Capital letters.



2. Click on the icon (3x3 dots) which shows the different apps eg. Drive, Docs etc and then click on the Classroom. This needs to be accepted.



3. Select the class (there should only be your child's class listed). The most current work is listed in the Stream or select the Classroom tab where work is organised by subject.

