



# Google Classroom



## Update 1 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

### **Why Google Classroom?**

In line with current guidance from the Department for Education, Balksbury Federation has taken advantage of signing up to a Government initiative to build on our previous successful home learning. This will be through the use of an easily accessible online platform called 'Google Classroom'.

Across the federation, we have been working hard to make sure that we have a high-quality robust plan in place for **Home Learning** (now called Blended Learning in schools). This combines online learning activities with some face to face learning. During our recent training day, staff participated in a training session provided by Google.

### **What is Google Classroom?**

Google Classroom is an online platform which allows teachers and children to communicate effectively through organised and managed learning.

Teachers will be able to set tasks, give feedback and interact with the children.

This will include activities like quizzes, interactive discussions, uploading work, virtual lessons etc.



### **How will we use Google Classroom at Balksbury?**

Google Classroom will be used in class straight away. This is to familiarise the children with the new resource, so that the children are confident with how to use it and what it looks like. Not only will this strengthen the children's learning experience, but it will be used as a 'scenario rehearsal' in the event of another lockdown.

After half term, Google Classroom will also be used for those families who are in isolation, including those waiting for tests. This will replace the current system of work being emailed home.

### **How to access? Or no access?**

The children will receive their unique username to Google Classroom; they will practise logging in at school. Their username (and password) will be sent home by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. If there are any problems logging in at home, please contact your class teacher.

Google Classroom can be accessed through a free App, for phones and tablets, as well as through the internet on laptops or desktops.



If you are unable to access Google Classroom, then we will work with you to provide an alternative provision. Please speak to your class teacher, so this can be arranged.