What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is an online learning platform which teachers will be using to give out home learning while the school is closed. However, we do intend to continue its use after.

Teachers can use Google Classroom to send announcements to entire classes, share resources, PowerPoints, diagrams, and homework. Pupils can use it to access work covered in class, in school, at home or on the go and complete homework.

Parents can use some of the features of Google Classroom to help engage with and support pupils in their home study. It is a free resource that can be accessed from any device connected to the internet - laptops, desktop computers, Chromebooks, tablets or mobile phones.

Accessing Google Classroom

Pupils can access Google Classroom using the mobile apps (Android and iOS), or via a web browser by visiting http://classroom.google.com They should sign in using their new **@beam.lbbdschool.org.uk** email address.

Once pupils have logged in, they will see the class overview page. From here they can see all of the classes they are registered with, a summary of any work due.



Clicking on a class will open that Classroom. The classroom overview page will show any class announcements, work/ homework or posts.

The three main views available are:

Stream shows a list of posts made to the classroom by teachers and pupils. This includes announcements, questions and work/ homework.

Classwork shows all work currently set for the to complete. It may be under subjects **People** shows all the teachers and pupils who have access to that class. You may notice some teachers names that you may not recognise or expect but this is to help monitor what is being sent out to each class so that work is fair and consistent.



Accessing resources

If pupils are accessing Google classroom from a mobile device, they should download the appropriate Google Apps to make best use of the shared resources. The most useful Google apps are: Classroom, Docs, and Drive. If pupils set up a Google account on their mobile device, their homework due dates, reminders and announcements will all be available directly in their calendar and email.

Submitting homework online

When homework is set online, it can be submitted directly within Google Classroom. To open the homework, click on the Open button on the appropriate post in the Stream page. You will then see the homework description and any attached documents. The simplest way to complete the homework online is to open the attachment and complete your homework in this document. When you are finished, click on the HAND IN button.

You can even add your own attachments to your submission, such as photos, audio clips, videos, etc. Once your homework has been marked by the teacher, you can see your score and any comments made by the teacher by opening the homework task as before. You can find out more about Google Classroom at https://support.google.com/edu/ classroom/

If you have any further questions about Google Classroom, please contact your class teachers on their year group email address.