



# St Lawrence C of E (Aided) Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought I would give you a quick catch up as it is the end of the first week. I have to start by paying tribute to all the staff here for managing to get all the remote learning up and running in such a short space of time. We literally found out that we were to close on Monday at 8pm and managed to have remote live streaming by Wednesday! This a remarkable feat. We have also, since Wednesday, provided Key Worker and Vulnerable pupil places for 80 children split into four bubbles. Having chatted with many Head teacher colleagues I know, we are further ahead than many schools with our remote provision. I am going to be completely honest and say that 80 KW/VC pupils is a huge number. I have asked all Key Worker parents to be honest with their working days and keep children at home if they can as, to keep all the staff and children safe, we need the least number of people in school. The more children we have in school, the more risk we face of potential school closure. I will be following up on some details from some parents next week in line with Government guidance. We had a cut-off date on Tuesday for applications for KW places and still we being inundated with further requests. Many parents writing to see if we can help as their situation at home is difficult. Please be assured that we do fully understand how difficult it is to be working from home and home-schooling. Unfortunately, home teaching is difficult for the vast majority of families and therefore we have to keep to the guidance of the DfE (and my discretion) in order to keep numbers as low as possible to protect all staff and children in school.

I will be sorting out laptops for those pupil premium families that might need help although the Government have prioritised Secondary schools for their laptop scheme and primaries will follow. There is information below about how you can use a PS4 or Xbox to access google classroom as well as a computer.

I will write again next week to keep the lines of communication open. I do sincerely want to thank all those parents who have written in to staff, office and myself to thank us for what we are doing. It really does make us feel appreciated in these difficult times.

With best wishes,

Mr Damian Tucker

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Please see below for how to log in with an Xbox or Playstation.



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### HOW TO ACCESS GOGGLE CLASSROOM FROM AN XBOX AND PS4

# PS4

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:  
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'  
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.

# XBOX

1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.



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