



20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

During this unusual time, we, at Park Grove Primary Academy, are striving to ensure children will have continued opportunities to learn. In order to support this, a number of different resources and provisions have been made, which enable children to access learning at home.

Certain year groups within school will be able to take their chromebooks home to support their learning. We are however, also aware children all throughout school will benefit from technology for education at home. To support your child with this and to ensure they have access to the online learning resources sent to them on Google Classroom, please see the guidance below on how to connect your school device to the WIFI at home and how to access school provisions on a home device (where a chromebook has not been provided).

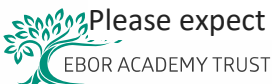
We use chromebooks on a regular basis in Key Stage 2 so children are already signed up to their class' digital learning platform on Google Classroom, our digital learning platform. If your child has their own device at home, then it will be important that you monitor its use and that your children follow safe internet practice as they would in school.

If you are unsure of e-safety related practice then please look at the Trust's e-safety policy which can be found under 'About us' and then 'Policies' at our Ebor Academy Trust website: www.ebor.academy and our Park Grove website: <https://parkgrove.ebor.academy/e-safety/>

It is also worth remembering that the vast majority of social media apps and sites (e.g. Instagram) carry a recommended age of at least 12+ so using these apps or sites whilst logged into a child's Google account is NOT recommended.

To log onto Google Classroom, children need to go to the main website classroom.google.com and from there click 'Go to Classroom'. This will take them to a login page where they can put their Park Grove Google account user and password in. All children have been given a user with the same format: [year of starting school][first name][initial of last name]@pgs.ebor.academy e.g. 15timothyg@pgs.ebor.academy. All children have their own passwords which they either know off by heart or use from a login card. Teachers will be emailing out the logins for each individual in their class so they can access their work from home.

Please expect these next week.



If your child is in year 5 or 6 and has brought a school device home, they can login to and access their chromebooks as they would in school, as long as they are connected to the internet (just like you would connect your phone to the WIFI). We have taken a record of the serial numbers of both the chromebooks and chargers taken home for each individual child. Serial numbers for the chromebooks are stuck at the side of the trackpad and the charger numbers are on the battery pack (starting 'D436').

For guidance on how to connect your child's chromebooks to the WIFI please follow this link: <https://support.google.com/chromebook/answer/1047420?hl=en-GB>

Once children have connected their chromebooks to your home WIFI or have logged on your personal devices, they will have access to all of the learning tools we use in school. In Key Stage 2, weekly learning challenges will be sent out via a weekly email, which activities (where possible) set through Google Classroom. Year 5 and 6 will be set daily challenges so please encourage children to check this regularly. For a list of other learning activities and links to key websites, please refer to the Key Stage 2 Home Learning Curriculum leaflet.

Alongside online resources, certain classes in school will be issued with a home learning book. This will include home learning challenges for children to complete during school closures. If you are unsure about any work provided, please seek advice.

Lastly, we are aware school closures and isolation periods could lead to decreases in physical activity. For guidance on how to help keep your children physically active at home and for a range of home learning challenges, please follow the link below (created by Gareth Jones - Ebor PE Specialist).

[Physical Activity At Home Guide](#)

As always, thank you for your continued support during this uncertain time. If you have any questions, please contact school. Thank you for your cooperation; we hope this is helpful.

Kind regards,

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