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Dear Parents/Carers,

### FACILITATING OUTSTANDING LEARNING IN THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM

As we are approaching the end of our first half term in the Google Classroom, it has been exciting to see how confident the children have become in their learning within the online world. We have been really impressed by the way they have been handing in their work on time, to a very high standard; with how they have encouraged their peers through positive comments and with their eager participation in google meets and live lessons. Teaching and learning in this way is a wholly new experience for us all and we have greatly appreciated your support in facilitating the home learning and helping our younger children upload their work.

It has been great to see that the behaviour of most students has continued to be excellent within the google classrooms, as it is in school. However, whilst the majority are extremely sensible and diligent, we have noticed that some children are beginning to feel that they can mess around – particularly during live meets – which is very frustrating for all those who are behaving well and especially for the teacher who is going above and beyond our remote learning policy to deliver exciting lessons.

In order to remind the children of the high standards of behaviour we expect, we have put together the following set of top tips for pupils, which teachers will be sharing with the children this week. We will then be rewarding the fantastic online learning and behaviour we see with best points and positive praise online, as well as speaking to any children who are not following these rules. We would greatly appreciate your support in reminding your children of these tips when they are online. You may want to print out the attached poster as a reminder for them. Many thanks also for ensuring that the children are supervised when they are online. In order to ensure effective child protection this is really important, particularly as they are learning the adult skills of video chats and commenting, which they might not usually be accessing at this age.

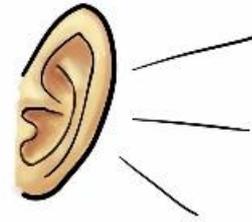
We are really grateful for all the lovely, supportive comments which you have shared with us in the past few weeks – they have really boosted our morale during this difficult time. Many thanks also for all you are doing to support the children's education. We appreciate how difficult it is to juggle the demands of this, whilst also doing your own work but know that if we continue to work together we will all be able to provide the best outcomes for the children.

Best wishes

Dr Victoria Bishop  
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## TOP TIPS FOR OUTSTANDING LEARNING IN THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Listen respectfully during  
live meets and lessons



Stay on mute unless told  
to do so



Keep eating for your  
break and lunchtimes



Keep comments in the  
live stream sensible and  
linked to your work



Follow the daily  
timetable



Upload your assignments  
on time 😊

