



ST ALPHONSUS'
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

1st February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

May we take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child and the school with our journey of providing online learning. As always, we are looking at ways to develop our practice and ensure a consistent and high quality approach to our curriculum, which includes our provision for remote learning for every child.

You may be aware that remote learning at St. Alphonsus' is currently accessed through the online platform of Google Classroom for years 2-6. The children across these year groups are engaging confidently and with enthusiasm with fantastic learning opportunities being provided by staff. As a result of wanting to ensure consistency for our children, families and staff across school and the NPCAT trust, we have decided that the next step for development is to begin introducing Google Classrooms to our Y1 children.

This week, you will receive an email with your child's log on information for Google Classrooms, along with a 'How to' guide on how to access it. We kindly ask for you to have a go at setting your child up on this during this week with the aim of slowly transitioning the children to this platform. We recognise that some of the children may have older siblings in school who are already accessing Google Classroom who will be of great support in helping them to get set up. Please be aware that we are here to help in any way and have support at hand if you contact school. A drop in session for support with setting up devices is also available with our IT Lead Mrs Morris on Wednesday 3rd February between 2pm and 3pm (please wear masks on school site and observe social distancing).

We would also like to invite you to a 'Google Meet' on Friday 5th February at 11am with Mrs Morris, to provide some support on how to use Google Classroom. A link for this will be sent out to parents/carers later this week.

Please note that Y1 online learning provided through Purple Mash will continue as normal this week, with the aim of beginning to introduce Google Classroom next week. We understand there will be new things for you and your child to learn but feel that this is the best way to continue ensuring our children receive the best possible learning at home.

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If you have any questions or require help with set up, please do not hesitate to contact the school where we will happily assist you.

We thank you once again for your continued support and look forward to seeing all of the children accessing some fantastic new learning opportunities and seeing their smiley faces on Google Meet soon.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Grainger

Deputy Head Teacher

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