



# Supporting your Students at Home with Google

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Given the very extraordinary situation schools currently find themselves in with partial opening and home learning, they are looking at ways in which they can provide age-appropriate opportunities to continue learning from home. Online resources can play a huge part in this, not just by reducing the amount of printing and paper consumed in the use of paper-based activities, but also the ability for staff to access and communicate with learners whilst they are at home.



**Google For Education offers amazing tools to support remote working for staff, students and governors.**

Google includes great communication tools for staff colleagues to communicate remotely in the form of:



**Google Hangouts Meet** - which enables schools to create a live online event with up to 100 attendees on a single web conference. For more information see: <https://teachercenter.withgoogle.com/first-day-trainings/welcome-to-google-hangouts-meet>



**Hangout Chat** - stay connected with instant messaging and chat groups. It has a great mobile app which lets staff keep connected on the go, being able to communicate and engage with different groups and discuss multiple topics, even share documents. Staff can even access Google Chat from a web browser or mobile app. <https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9300611#2.3>



**Hold a virtual coffee break** - It's important to stay connected with colleagues. Create regular coffee break events in Calendar and invite others to join via 'Hangouts Meet' video call. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSbirlwWX-0>



## Students working from home with Google Classroom

At this time where students will be remote learning, getting resources and keeping engagement with your students can be challenging.

Google Classroom offers teachers a platform to create classes, add resources, create self-marking quizzes, add worksheets, allow students to collaborate on the same documents and even grade work. If you don't already have a G-suite tenancy but want to get your school up and working, please speak to your account manager today about setting up G-suite for your school.

Here are some useful links to help you get started on remote learning with Google:

### Creating a New Classroom in Google Classroom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUF9c5sk4YY>

### Adding Students to a Class

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrDvdNnKqTI>

### Add Materials to a Class

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLxn3BMmBKs>

### How to Create a Quiz in Google Classroom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-GgDeAaZow>

### Webinar on Enabling Distance Learning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gslpx7Q8mhc>

### Link to the official Google for Education Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/eduatgoogle/featured>



## Teach From Home

Google has created a fantastic new website to help teachers. Visit the [teach from home site](#) for more useful tips, examples and tutorials.



## Some considerations to be made regarding policy and practice when remote working between staff and students:



**Privacy and Data Security** are important considerations when using services which operate online or within cloud technologies. Staff need to make sure that they are using their school provided accounts and not any personal email or cloud storage accounts.



**The sharing of files** between staff and students must only be done through school provided accounts to prevent any student work from being stored on staff personal accounts.



**The school's acceptable use policy** should be referred to for further guidance on expected behaviour when working online.



**All communication**, through chat facilities or webcam, between staff and students must remain in a professional tone and using school provided accounts. Personal accounts must not be used under any circumstances. This is to protect both staff and students from accusations or misconceptions of inappropriate and unprofessional contact and conduct.

## Further virtual support from our colleagues during school closures

Schools have been thrown headfirst into preparing for, and making the most out of, digital home learning. Some schools may feel out of their depth and require additional support to enable them to provide online learning to their students. With the current situation and the potential to restrict face to face meetings, we have been working on ways that we can support your school through these virtual platforms. We can help staff build knowledge and confidence through virtual support, modelling it's use and helping schools get going.

If you would like to arrange any virtual support/training sessions for your staff – free of charge, then please email: [edtech@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:edtech@entrust-ed.co.uk) or call: 0333 300 1900



### We can also support you in using the J2e Tool Suite

J2e is an award-winning education platform that allows students and teachers to access content and primary age appropriate learning tools from anywhere via the Internet.

We have created some videos to help you get started:

- [Creating and sharing work with pupils in J2e](#)
- [Uploading content to J2e to share with pupils](#)
- [Creating and sharing tiles to weblinks/resources](#)

### Don't have J2e at your school?

Contact [office@J2e.com](mailto:office@J2e.com) to set up a free trial



## More resources for distance teaching and learning:

<https://swiggle.org.uk/> - Child friendly search engine

<https://just2easy.com/distancelearning/> - How J2e Tools could be used for distance learning

### Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

### BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Great collection of activities and information across KS1-4

### DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Great online non fiction information and quizzes

### BBC Learning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

### Scratch

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

Creative computer programming

### CodeClub

<https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/codeclub/scratch-module-1>

Fabulous Scratch projects to work through for KS2/3

### Code.org

<https://studio.code.org/courses>

Collection of online coding activities

### Ted Ed

<https://ed.ted.com>

Collection of engaging educational videos

### National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

### Duolingo

<https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

### Mystery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

### Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

### British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Resources for English language learning

### Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Lots of free resources for Primary age

### Big History Project

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>

Aimed at Secondary age. Multi disciplinary activities.

### Geography Games

<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

Geography gaming!

### Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

### The Artful Parent

<https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>

Good, free art activities

### Red Ted Art

<https://www.redtedart.com>

Easy arts and crafts for little ones

### The Imagination Tree

<https://theimaginationtree.com>

Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.



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