



## Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been an unexpected start to the new school term and I'd like to thank you all for your patience, and understanding as we have worked to ensure that your children get the very best deal we can under these difficult circumstances. Please remember that we are here for you, to help you and your family in whatever way we can. You are all a part of the Coaley family after all!

I hope you all managed to come along to the Friday Zoom Worship today, to gather as a school again and celebrate all the great things that have been happening across the week. The teachers have been keeping in touch with children by responding to Dojo messages or by using Google Classrooms. Please do make contact as Mrs Lowe, Mrs Hancock and Miss Rance are very happy to support your child's learning at home either via Google Classrooms or even a chat on the phone. We will be checking up on everyone across the week, especially those who are not engaging with school work, and we will make contact to see how we can help.

The expectations from the Department for Education, that you may well have read about, is that in Primary Schools there is an expectation of 3 hours learning per day and that of this learning, the core work will be equivalent to the English and Maths pupils would receive when in school. There will be tasks set, and you can upload your child's work via Google Classrooms (or Dojo) for feedback and comments from your teachers. They are always happy to hear from you via Dojo anyway. If you have any good pictures of learning at home, we will be happy to share them on our Coaley Crew Facebook and in the school newsletter.

As a school we recognise having learnt from the first lockdown experience that the pressure on using any online services causes additional issues for families during this time, therefore, we have also made sure that the activities we have planned include a mix of online and offline tasks so that this can fit in alongside your own work patterns. Please let us know if you are experiencing any problems accessing any of the learning from school, either in a paper format or online. There are reports of getting additional usage with data but this is still unclear at the time of writing. As soon as I know for sure anything, I will let you know.

Keeping children safe online when they are using technology is very important, especially at the moment. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, the links below have some excellent advice and guidance for parents about how to ensure your child's safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://parentinfo.org/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

We also recognise that this is an anxious time for families and for children. Children may have some questions about Coronavirus. The illustrator of "The Gruffalo" has worked with some medics to produce a book for children that you could read together that may help with supporting their questions.

<https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus-ABookForChildren.pdf>

Additionally, Coram Education, who we use for our PSHCE curriculum, have some resources for parents that can support these anxious times and questions including the use of Harold, a character that will be well known to most of them from teaching in school and his daily diary. The link for this website can be found here.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/here-for-parents>

So, please take care and stay safe, and we look forward to gathering together again in our Coaley family, enjoying school and learning loads.

Yours

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

### Playstation/Xbox Instructions

We have been given the below instructions for using Playstation/Xbox to access Google Classroom. Although we have not investigated this method fully, it may be something you would like to try if you need access via other devices.



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.



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.

**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Cooper, Elise

**Starlings:** Thomas

**Owls:** Phoebe

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Stephanie

**Starlings:** Oscar M

**Owls:** Harry P

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Abi for finding out about snails in her topic work and asking interesting questions.

**Starlings:** Jasmine for all your hard work at home.

**Owls:** Rosa for your hard work and determination when multiplying in maths.

**WE ARE COALEY - We Believe**

**We Respect**

**We Belong**