

Early Years and Year 1 Google Meet sessions

We are very much looking forward to beginning our Google meet sessions next week and to have the opportunity to chat with the children.

Please find further information about how these sessions will work and the answers to questions you may have.

How do I access Google Meet?

You should have received an email from the school office with your child's username and password. On the day of your child's meeting, you will receive a link via Tapestry for the Google meet session for that day. Please click on this link 5 minutes before the Google meet session is due to start.

Should the camera and microphone be on for the session?

The camera should remain on for the full session but the microphone should be muted to start with. The teacher will lead the session just like a normal circle time session in school and will give each child the opportunity to share with the group. When directed, please unmute so your child can talk when it is their turn. Please be aware that when you are unmuted, all participants will be able to hear.

Do I need to be present for the Google meet session?

A parent must be present for the sessions to ensure that the technology is working ok. You may be needed during the session to help mute and unmute but will not need to participate. Normal school behaviour will be expected throughout the session. For example, good looking and listening and showing respect to others.

What should I do if I have a question or query about school?

If you have something that you would like to discuss with the class teacher, please continue to use Tapestry or email. The purpose of the google meets are for the children to talk, listen and see their friends and teachers and so questions and queries will not be able to be answered in these sessions.

Who will be running the sessions?

Either Mrs Hearld or Miss Scott will run the Early Years session and Miss Burbidge, Miss Brough or Mrs Chesters will run the Year 1 session. It may not necessarily be your child's class teacher as staff are also working in school with key worker and vulnerable children.

What day and time will my child's sessions be?

Early Years sessions will be every Thursday and Year 1 sessions will be every Wednesday.

Session times will be:

1pm – 1.30pm

1.40pm – 2.10pm

2.20pm – 2.50pm

3.00pm – 3.30pm

You will receive a message via Tapestry informing you of the time of your child's weekly sessions.

How many children will be in the session?

There will be a maximum of 11 children in each session.

How long will the session last?

Each session will last a maximum of 30 minutes.

What does my child need for the session?

For the first 2 sessions, we are asking the children to bring something along that they would like to show to the group and talk about for a few moments. This can be a piece of work they have completed, something they have made or something special of theirs from home. We will keep you updated to the focus of future sessions.

Does my child have to attend the Google meet sessions?

The sessions are not compulsory. However, we would very much like all children to attend and think that they will be a really positive addition to our home learning. If your child would like to attend but does not want to speak, that is absolutely fine. They can still be part of the meet and listen to others and just enjoy seeing and hearing their classmates and teachers.

Does my child need to wear school uniform?

No, school uniform is not necessary. We only ask that your child is dressed appropriately to join a meet with other children and staff present.