Plaistow and Kirdford Primary school – Google Classroom Parent Guide

We have set up the Google Classroom service to assist students and staff during the period of school closure due to COVID-19.

Google Classroom is an online service designed for interactive teaching, both in the classroom and remotely. It can be used on almost all devices with an internet connection via a browser (such as Chrome, Safari, etc), there is also a 'Google Classroom' app available in the Apple IOS App store and Google Android Play Store.

This document walks you through an introduction to the service, some useful links on how to use it and how to access the service for your children.

An overview of the functionality of Google Classroom can be found here.. https://edu.google.com/products/classroom

This link provides an overview of how Google for Education can be used to support remote learning during COVID-19

https://teachfromhome.google/intl/en/

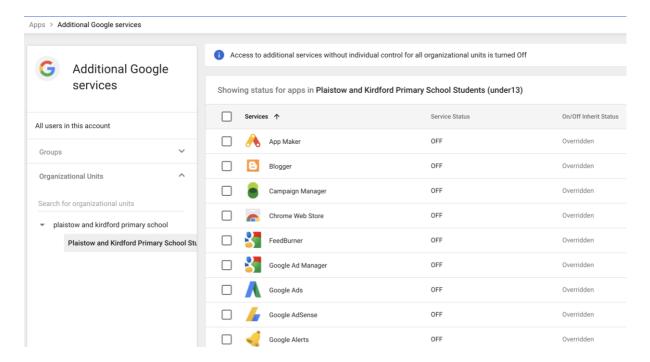
There's a great reference of how other Primary Schools are using Google Classroom too here... https://edu.google.com/intl/en_uk/why-google/case-studies/ormiston-primary-school/?modal active=none

A useful guide to how Google Classroom is typically used by Teachers can be found here... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fkADrNhCPg

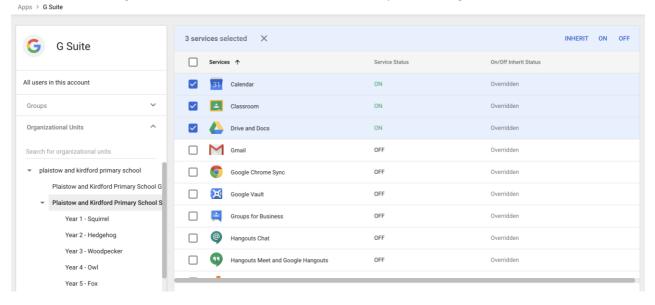
Security and setup

We take online security and privacy seriously at Plaistow and Kirdford Primary School and followed the 'best practice' configuration advised for students under the age of 13.

All students have been set up in a group within Google Education that means that they cannot access any of the paid for or Social Media services that Google offer like Google+, Play Store, Wallet, etc. This is in alignment with the Google terms of service which states that for under 13s, they must be in an organisational unit which is compliant with COPPA https://cloud.google.com/security/compliance/coppa



In addition, all applications other than Google Classroom, calendar and Drive & Docs have been turned off, meaning that the students ID cannot be used for any other Google Services.



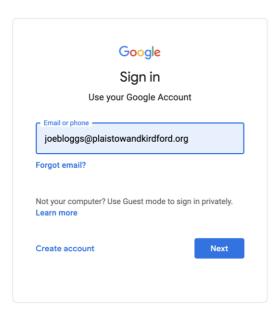
Signing in Process

To log into google Classroom as the student, go to https://classroom.google.com/

Make sure you are not signed into Google as another user – if so, click the option to 'sign out' and you will be presented with the Google 'sign in' box, click 'Add another Account'.

Enter in the student's sign-in ID as provided to you (i.it is in the format firstname@plaistowandkirdford.org, no spaces, Joe Bloggs example shown below) and click 'Next'.

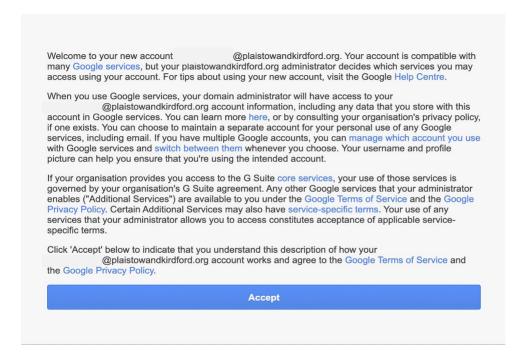
Note, hyphenated names will be set up in the same way, e.g. john-paulsmith@plaistowandkirdford.org or johnsmith-clark@plaistowandkirdford.org



You will then be asked to enter your password. The initial password for all students is 'P&Kschool'. You will be asked to set your own specific password for the student shortly. Click 'Next'.

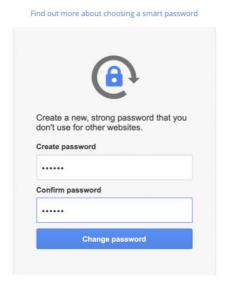


Please feel free to review the Google terms of service. When ready, click on 'Accept'.

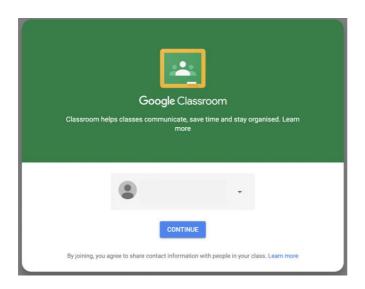


You will now be asked to create a new password and confirm it. Google require one with at least 8 characters (note we have allowed simple passwords for the students as long as they are 8 characters).

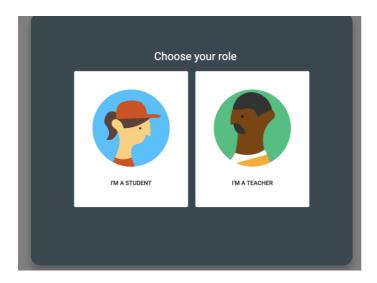
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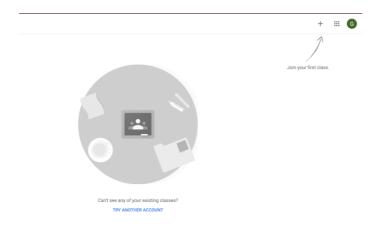
You are now logged into Google Classroom, please select Continue'



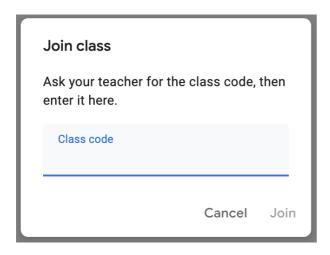
Confirm you are a student (you only need to do this once)



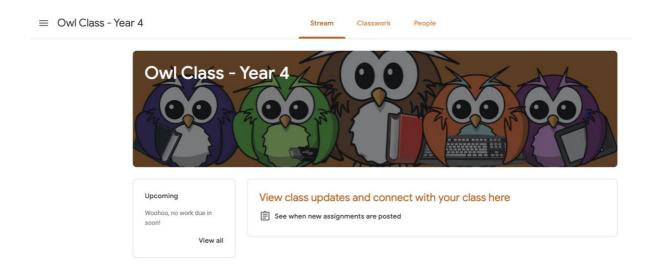
Click on the '+' to add a classroom to your account



Enter in the Code your teacher gave you – for example for Year 4 its **utidmrh** (make sure you use the right case of letters, capitals or lower case)



The student is now part of the class and will receive updates and assignments.



To use the IOS or Android apps, login with the students user ID firstname@plaistowandkirdford.org) and the new password you set for the student.





Have Fun!!!!