



# St. Michael's C.E. (Controlled) Junior School

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*Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.*

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Dear Parents

Thank you all for your extremely positive feedback regarding the introduction of Google Classroom this week. It is always daunting when we try something new (for all of us) but everyone has embraced the new platform and we have had a huge number of children submitting their work this week.

In line with the introduction of Google Classroom, we have been exploring ways to enable the children at home to talk with their class teacher and some of their peers. To do this, we will be using an App within the Google Suite called Google Meet. We hope that these sessions will allow the children to have some face to face time with their teacher and share things that they have been doing at home or ask any questions that they may have.

From next week, information regarding these sessions will be posted onto the Stream area of Google Classroom on Mondays and children will need to click on the link provided at the allocated time. Children will be required to have an adult present during these weekly 30 minute sessions to comply with safeguarding procedures. As a parent you will not need to be on screen for the whole time, but please ensure the teacher can see your face at the beginning and end of the session.

To support you with accessing these sessions we have provided two help videos which are shared here: <https://vimeo.com/user116641718> The children will need to be logged in using their Google Classroom account and use the link shared on their stream. You will need to access the session using a device that has a camera and a microphone. This may mean that the children may need to use your phone or tablet if their laptop does not have a camera or microphone. Full instructions are contained within the videos.

The children are split into carefully selected groups for these sessions, so please do not share the link code with other children or parents. The teacher will only 'admit' the children to the session who have been invited. Each week the sessions may vary in time, but you will have notice! These will be posted on to the stream area of Google Classroom every Monday.

Please encourage your children to take part in these sessions, if they can. It is a great way for the children to have some face to face contact with the teacher and some of their peers. If your child does attend their Google Meets session your teacher will not ring you at home that week, but please contact the school office if you would like to have a further conversation with your child's class teacher as this can still be arranged.

Please let us know if you have any further questions or queries about these sessions or anything else Google Classroom related by using the email address [googleclassroomsupport@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:googleclassroomsupport@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk).

Kind Regards

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