Google Classroom Homework Survey
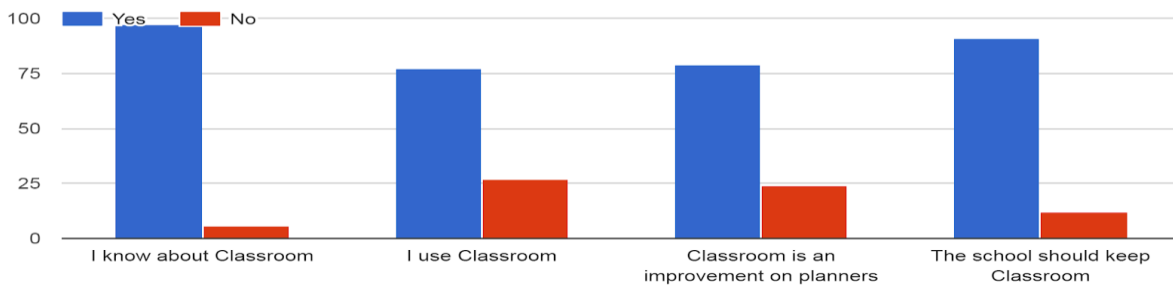
Thank you to everyone who replied to the recent questionnaire about the use of Google Classroom for homework.

There were some teething problems, this was to be expected, however the clear message from parents and students is that Google Classroom for homework should be kept. The feedback also included suggestions on how Classroom can be improved further, some of which we have already acted on, others may take a little longer but they are definitely in the development plan for the year ahead.

Below you can see the responses from the questionnaire, there were also some questions asked that were picked up from the questionnaire. We have tried to address as many of the common questions below in the FAQ, we hope this is of use

FAQ

Can students still have a traditional planner?

Yes, they can, we know some students and parents would prefer this. Planners are available from the tutor and can be used for recording the homework when it is set and explained in class.

I find the class codes confusing?

We have realised that class codes can be confusing, therefore we are renaming classes to include the name of the teacher and the subject to help avoid confusion.

The timing of getting my homework notifications is not suitable for me, can this be changed?

As a parent/carer you can change the frequency of getting homework updates, daily, weekly or not at all, simply change the settings to what works best for you.

We would like the updates to be sent to more than one email address, is this possible?

By default, homework is sent to the primary email address we have on record. However, we can set your account up to have more than one registered email address. Simply contact the school with the email address you want added and we will do the rest.

Why are some teachers not using it fully?

Google Classroom has been in school for 6 weeks, some teachers have been setting homework in traditional planners for decades! It may take a little time to get us all running at 100%, but we are well on our way and have further training and support sessions planned.

Why can't all the apps be in Google Classroom?

We know that at times it can be confusing with different departments using different online applications and ideally we would all like just one school login. Unfortunately, departments use a variety of online learning applications each with their own login details. These application often cost the school money so are not used without serious consideration. Regrettably at the moment we do not have the technology to create a single sign on for these third party applications. The one benefit of using Google Classroom is that there is one place for students, staff and parents to refer to find homework assignments, even if they are set across other platforms.

I have not got my login instructions and code yet, how do I get one?

Simply contact the school and request your Google Classroom setup pack, you will get registration instructions.

I am having problems using Google Classroom, what should I do?

If you are having difficulties installing or setting up Google Classroom either on your phone, tablet or PC then please contact the school and we will endeavour to have you up and running as soon as possible.