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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our commitment to provide pupils with the best possible education and life skills for the future, we are pleased to announce that from 1st July 2021 we are moving to Google Classroom in place of Seesaw. Some of the benefits this Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) will provide children include the following:

- The ability to complete or upload work (including images) using a laptop or any smart device reducing the need for paper or a printer. Google classroom automatically saves their work as they go along too.
- The ability to communicate more easily with their class teacher.
- The opportunity to collaborate and securely communicate with other children in their class.
- The opportunity for parents/carers to sign up to receive regular email summaries on their child/ren. Email summaries are a way to keep you informed about upcoming work, any missing work and class activity and announcements.

Google classroom will also be used to make class announcements and support instances of remote learning.

Children in Years Nursery to 6 have been set up with an account and placed in their classes already. Their usernames will generally consist of their first initial and surname followed by the domain @gsuite.kaps.croydon.sch.uk. Their password will also be unique to them.

Teachers will post homework weekly indicating when assignments need to be submitted for marking and will give feedback all within Google Classroom. All pupils are expected to log in to Google Classroom at least once per week to complete homework before the due date. If there is an issue, or your child requires support with any homework set, they can send a private message to their teacher asking for help.

To support the changeover, a dedicated Google Classroom webpage has been built which includes useful guides and instructions for getting started. You can gain access to the site via this link <https://www.kensingtonavenueprimary.co.uk/parent-information/useful-links/>

Children and teachers have already started using Google classroom in school so are familiar with logging in and using the platform. At the moment some classes are still building their information so don't be alarmed if there is nothing set for your child yet as it will be there by 1st July 2021.

Log in details will be sent home with each child but if you experience any issues with passwords/usernames, please complete the support request form on the Google classroom webpage.

As a reminder, Google Classroom is to be used strictly for educational purposes and all pupils are expected to use appropriate language and behaviour.

Kind Regards

The ICT Team

