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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re. Google Classrooms will be used to support Remote Learning from Monday 11th January 2021

Staff have been incredibly busy this week in school preparing to further support all the children's remote learning with Google Classroom. The Teachers and Teaching Assistants have set up all their classes for online work and are currently receiving training ready to start next week. They are also in the process of making phone calls home this week to you to explain how this will work for Thornton children.

To briefly summarise:

- 1. Children will meet in the morning as part of the 'classroom meet' for registration and to introduce the day's learning tasks (at staggered times that will change each week)
- 2. They will then complete the set learning tasks independently
- 3. Children will meet in the afternoon as part of the 'classroom meet' for registration and to discuss the morning's activities and give feedback (at staggered times that will change each week)
- 4. Learning resources and links will be shared using the Google Classroom platform
- 5. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will communicate with the children using the Google Classroom platform to provide support
- 6. Teachers will be available for children to message using Google Classrooms if they have any questions about their work during the sessions

The Government currently states that primary school children should attempt to complete an average of 3 hours of school led learning, covering core subjects of English and Maths, and in particular Reading. We are therefore putting a greater emphasis on these subjects each day as a focus for our remote learning, although other subjects will be covered across the week too.

Let me reassure you that if your child is unable to access work online, paper copies of the work provided online is still available each week from the year group boxes located outside the main Reception.

Kind regards

Mrs Cathy Grace Acting Headteacher











