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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we start our next term for school I wanted to update you on a few things. First of all, I hope you are all keeping safe and well and are managing in these very strange times. We are living in a period of uncertainty which presents many challenges. As a school, we are working hard to try to offer some continuity in our teaching and learning promise in difficult times.

The government has announced that there are to be at least a further three weeks of lockdown, which means at least three more weeks of teaching remotely. With this in mind, we have been busy looking at different ways in which we can continue to deliver our teaching and learning promise to you. As well as continuing with Sam Learning and Hegarty Maths, we have added Google Classroom for all subjects. Some students are already using Google Classroom with certain subjects, such as P.E., Business Studies and I.T. **Google Classroom can now be accessed by all students through the following;**

Web - <https://classroom.google.com>

iPad or iPhone - [App Store](#)

Android Tablet - [Google Play Store](#)

The login is the same login you have already been using to access Student Resources

Username: *(your_username)@grnet.email*

e.g. 24smithj@grnet.email

Password: *(enter your school password)*

Over the weekend, the government has also launched some new initiatives to support learning. There is a new website called The National Oak Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/>. This website offers 'live' lessons and supporting work for all year groups in a range of subjects. In addition, the BBC Bitesize website has been updated to offer a range of lessons and follow up activities: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>. These websites have been specifically developed to support during this lockdown period and we recommend that all students use them.

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Please encourage your child to access learning. It is important that they try to undertake some tasks each day, if possible, whilst also taking time for other things such as exercise and communication with friends and family. Whilst we do not know when schools will reopen for all students, we know that it is important to maintain some learning in this lockdown period. We appreciate that this can be challenging for both students and you as parents but we believe that these new resources will support everyone.

Should you have any questions at all about learning (any subject) please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, you can find staff emails on the school web site (<https://grahamschool.org/our-staff/>) or email admin@grahamschool.org and we will respond to your query.

Thank you very much for your continued support and wishing you all the very best at this difficult time.

Keep safe,

Norma Enright

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