

Google for Education has been used at St Georges for over a year for computing lessons so most pupils had experience of using it. Veronica, who looks after the use of technology across the school, was able to give all teachers and some teaching assistants training in the use of GSuite before the school shut down and is available online every day to give help where it is needed. She's also been making slides with screenshots for ongoing training.

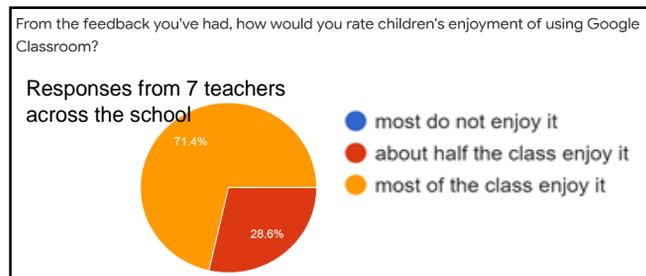
Every teacher has their own classroom and posts Classwork assignments daily. They describe themselves as being confident to use the tool to support learning. About half of the teaching assistants are added to one or multiple classrooms where, depending on confidence, they:

- monitor the stream throughout the day, responding to children's messages
- mark and return work set by teachers
- create classwork assignments
- post videos of themselves reading stories aloud (being careful with copyright guidelines)

'GSuite has become central to providing home learning, although we do have other websites which the children can go on to supplement or extend their studies. We would obviously encourage them to read, learn their times tables and practise their writing. At a time like this, we are encouraging them to learn through practical experiences e.g. helping to bake a cake or checking the receipt from the supermarket.'

Many staff contribute video clips to virtual assemblies. One very entertaining video had members of staff giving a demo of an activity to do at home and then appearing to throw an object across their garden, to be caught by the next member of staff etc. Children and parents have given incredibly positive feedback about the videos.

Hangouts Meet has been perfect for staff to create longer videos, using the record function. It is then seamless to add a shareable link to Classrooms. This has not been enabled for pupils to avoid any live broadcasting. Gmail is also turned off.



This [Google document](#) was created to remind everyone about expected behaviour on Google Classroom. It is posted regularly in Classrooms and the school website to help avoid any online upsets.

Expectations: Parents know that the Classroom Streams are monitored throughout normal school hours and all work submitted will be viewed by a member of staff. Regular updates are posted on the school website to notify parents when Google Classrooms will be closed for school holidays.

Use: Between 60% and 85% of children in different classes across the school are active in their Google Classroom.

Tips:

- Train a core group of confident, enthusiastic users to create shared web of knowledge
- Remind pupils that everyone needs regular screen breaks.
- Learn how to use Google Forms - children love quizzes!