

12/06/2020

Outlining augmented learning for pupils in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Dear Parents and carers,

Tuesday's announcement by Gavin Williamson finally makes formal what headteachers and governors in England have been saying for some time: *It's not possible to massively increase the space each class needs to meet social distancing rules, and bring everyone back.*

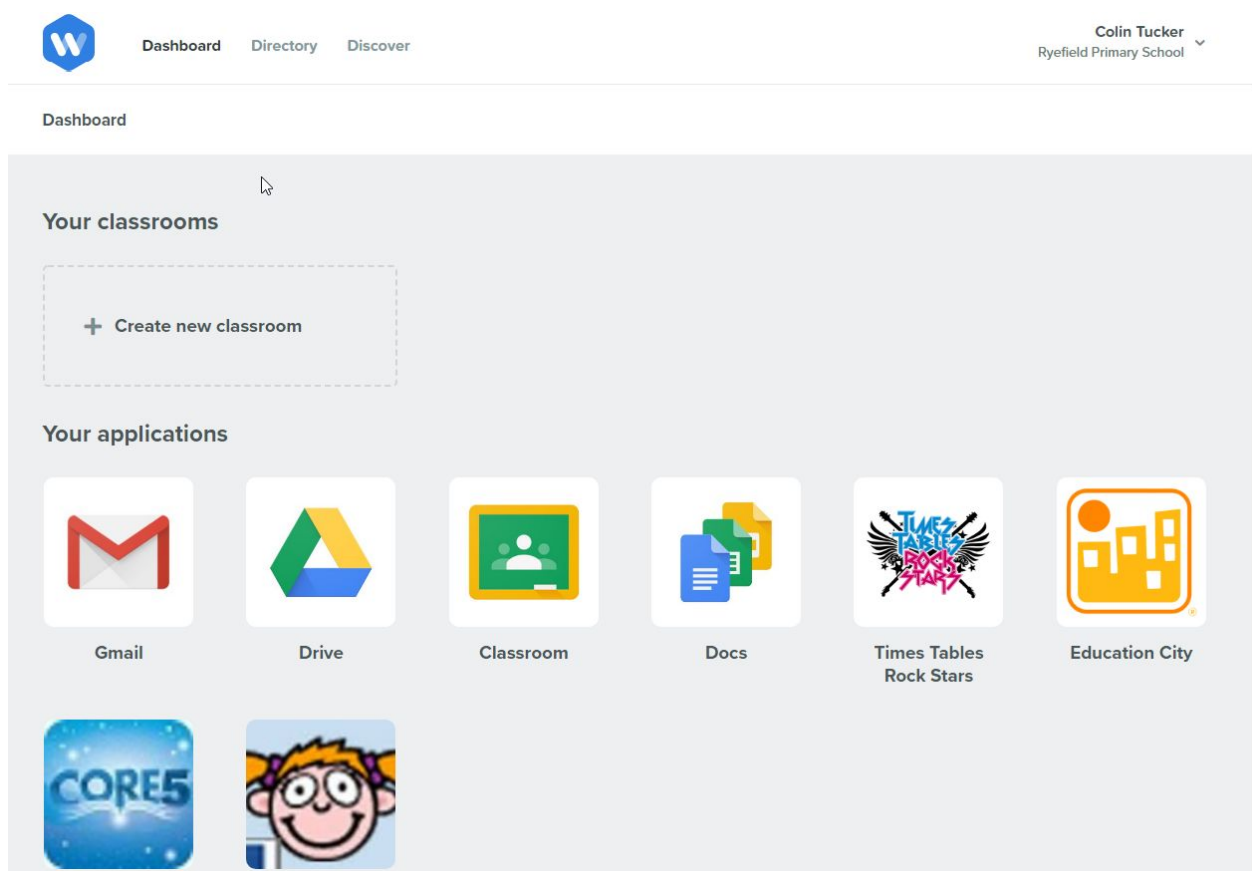
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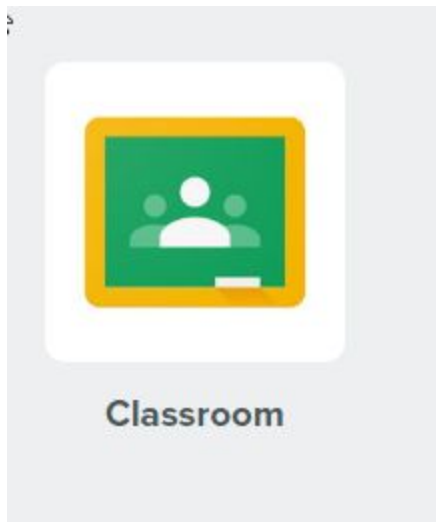
While Number 10 and the education secretary pushed on with the plans, educationalists voiced their concerns that having more pupils in schools will contribute to an increase in Covid-19 infections, both among pupils and staff and in their communities, and the inconclusiveness of the scientific evidence on this.

Balanced against this are also the very real fears of parents, about how on earth they are going to manage with their youngsters at home for another two or three months -

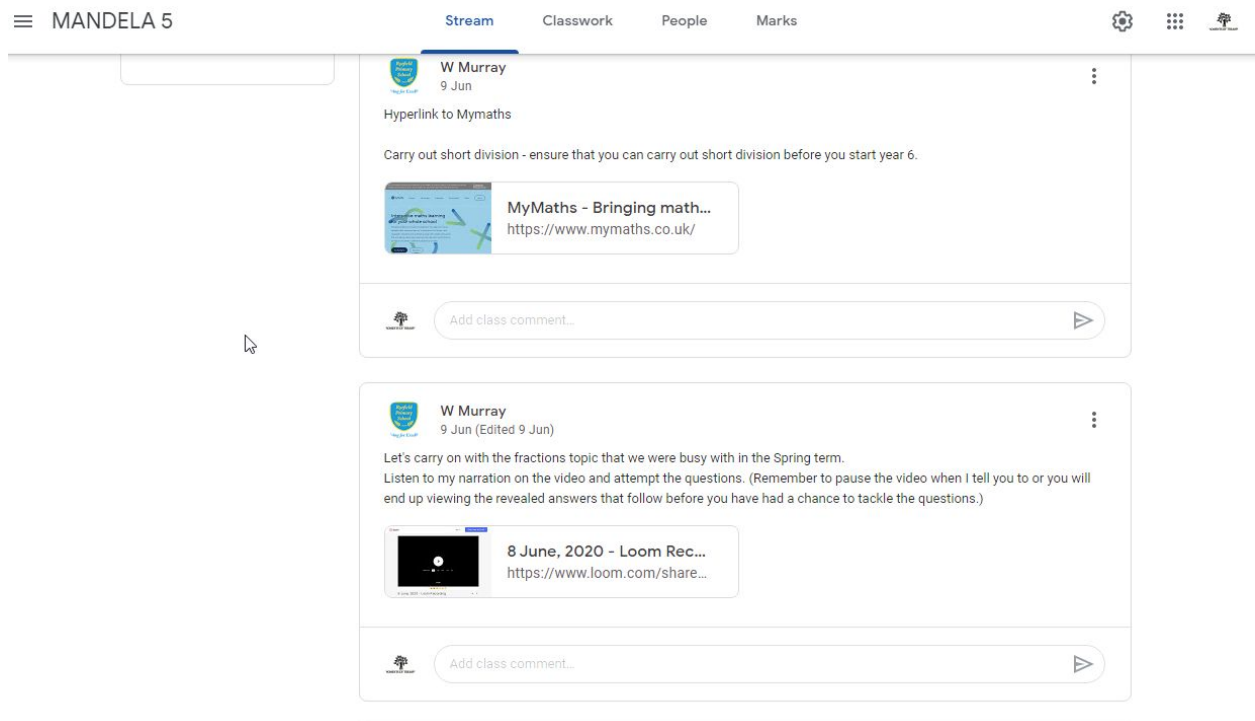
minimum - let alone keep up to date with their educational needs. What parents and educators need at this moment in time is for the government to start to think more strategically and more creatively. A strategic national plan is being called for, one that realises the scale of the problem and matches the scale of the support the economy has seen. At this moment in time it seems that this is a long way off. Until that time comes, Ryefield will continue with its own long term strategic plan, which is already in place and available on the school's website.

N, R Y1 and Y6 are slowly returning to school, yet more than half of our pupils will remain at home. From next week, the school will begin to augment its existing home learning. All of the platforms that are currently in use will be maintained until the end of July, providing we haven't exhausted all of the content! We will augment the resources with additional content. This content will be made available via Google Classroom and accessed through the Wonde portal that your child already has the login details for. **We will reissue them in the coming weeks.**



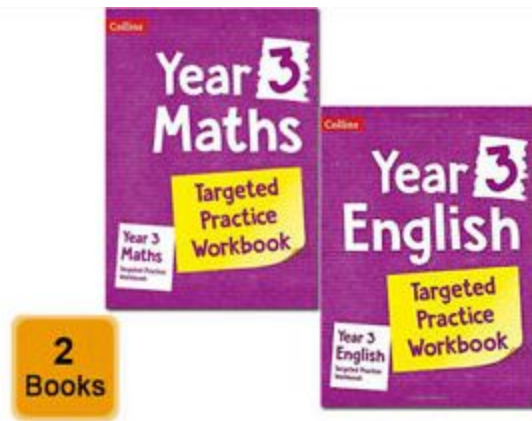


Once the system goes live, your child will be able to access their learning via clicking on the Classroom icon. From here, work can be accessed via either the **Stream** or **Classwork** section. Teachers will upload or provide a link to narrated English and Maths topics. Hard copies of worksheets will also be made available to parents upon request and additional copies uploaded to Google Classroom. If families are unable to print out the sheets then they can be collected from the resource trolley found outside the school office.



Teachers are in the process of creating content in either Loom or PowerPoint and these can be used at home to recap and revisit prior learning. You may find useful links to support, extend and deepen learning - as well as the opportunity for pupils to respond to

teacher questions or class debates. Please note that this is new territory for us and, whilst Y6 have been trialling it with a great degree of success, it will require some patience before we perfect the process. Children using it will need to be responsible and make reasonable demands of staff and each other. In the initial stages this platform will be one primarily used for **content delivery** with teacher support via voice/video instruction. All teachers are currently teaching the pupils who have returned to school, making Zoom / Google Meet lessons out of the question. Mr Tucker will also be uploading a video assembly which will also be accompanied with activities and resources for all children to undertake at home. Examples can be uploaded and shared via Google Classroom.



This expansion of resources will be further complemented by targeted workbooks being made available for children in Y2, 3, 4 and 5.

A timetable will be created and you will be allocated a slot to come and collect the workbooks. We will also have a selection of reading books for you to choose from.

We know that this is not a substitute for a teacher but, given the lack of a national government strategy and the demands placed on the school to educate in accordance with social distancing guidelines, we believe that our augmented learning provision will go some way to filling that gap and providing greater continuity between home and school.



Future arrangements for Key Workers & Vulnerable Pupils (KWVP).

Ryefield's provision has -over the past 10 days -significantly expanded, this means that the school must now implement measures to ensure that social distancing and infection control measures can be consistently implemented across KWVP provision. To ensure we can maintain infection control measures across the school the following actions are being put in place.

- Nursery pupils who attended KWVP prior to 08/06/2020 will remain in KWVP, rather than reenter the nursery. These pupils will have been notified via email.
- KWVP has the capacity for approximately 55 children, notionally comprising 10 EYFS pupils, and 45 spaces for KS1 and KS2 pupils.
- Admissions criteria for KWVP will be prioritised against the following:
 - Vulnerable children with an allocated social worker;
 - Member of staff employed at Ryefield Primary School;
 - Both parents are employed as Key Workers (as defined by the government),
 - Accessed KWVP provision prior to 08/06/2020
 - Remaining spaces to be allocated at the discretion of the school and on a first come, first served basis.

These measures have been put in place to ensure that social distancing and infection control can be maintained without overwhelming the school's ability to provide quality first provision to all of our pupils, whether they be at home or at school.

At the time of writing, all families who have accessed KWVP have priority booking and this must be done at least two weeks in advance via Google Form. Next week, the school will issue a new form for the week's beginning 22nd and 29th of June.

We would like to thank all of the families who have only made use of KWVP when they have no other alternative but to send their child to school. You truly are the frontline in helping us minimise the risk of transmission.

Evening Cleaner Vacancy

3:30 – 6:00pm, 12.5 hours per week

52 weeks of the year

£6227.07 per annum

Please see visit the school website for an application

Closing date for applications: Wed 24th June 2020

