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Dear Parent / Carer

Technology as a learning tool is rapidly progressing, with the modern student benefiting from the vast amount of information available. As a school we are to embrace the cultural shift in electronic learning and utilise the amazing systems available to enhance our communication with parents.

We are a "Google" school, with teaching staff delivering lessons using GSUITE. You will shortly receive an email inviting you to join our Google Classroom system as a "Guardian". Rest assured this is genuine communication from the school!

By joining as a "Guardian", you will receive a daily Google Classroom Summary. This will allow you to have informed discussions with your child about their learning, as well as be able to support them in managing and completing their extended learning. We are asking that parents support us in adopting the term "extended learning" to reflect that learning can be done anywhere and at any time. What was previously considered "homework" no longer restricts our learners and we use the term "extended learning" exclusively to promote this.

You will see attached to this letter the format of the information that you will be receiving daily from the subjects that your child is studying.

There is no longer a stipulation that students use their planners to record extended learning, removing unnecessary repetition, however, we are keen that our students don't feel restricted and should be encouraged to make notes on what is expected in their planners.

Google Classroom is available to students at all times. Teaching staff will upload all electronic lessons onto the system meaning that should a student be absent, they will be able to catch up on any missed work and also revisit previous lessons to reinforce their learning.

Staff will be sharing an abridged version of their Scheme Of Learning on our fantastic website. Here you will be able to see where each piece of extended learning fits with the full year of study and understand the relevance to the overall learning aims. We would also encourage all parents and students to visit our refreshed curriculum pages which can also be found on our website.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding any of the information shared, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to guide you through the Google Guardian process and reassure you. We are holding a "Google Evening" for parents on 10th October 2019 where digital leaders and I will be available to answer any questions that you have. Provision for students who do not have access to the internet is in place; for further information please contact me to discuss. Thank you for your attention and I look forward to receiving your views on the system.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Osborne
Assistant Head and Director of IT

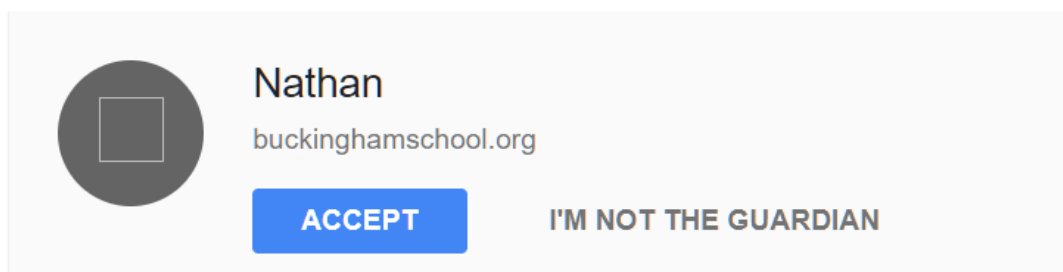
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Automated Invitation - your invitation will show your child's name.

Mr Osborne invited you as a guardian in Google Classroom


You'll get a weekly summary of Nathan's progress with missing and upcoming work, and new teacher posts.



Prompt for frequency of summaries (Set to Daily) - this will appear immediately after you have accepted


Google Classroom email summaries
Email summaries are sent to dosborne@buckingshamschool.org. [Learn more](#)


Frequency
How often would you like to receive an email summary of your student's activity?



Student Name


student_name @buckingshamschool.org



Daily 

Set to DAILY

Timezone
Daily summaries are sent each afternoon, and weekly summaries are sent on Friday afternoons.

(GMT+00:00) London 

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Example daily summary - Can also see the live link for parents to follow to see what is being studied/assigned

Daily summary for Nathan
Oct 8, 2018

Class activity

1

11B/CM1
Abigail Wallace, Mr Osborne, Ms. Townes

Assignment

1_Bubble Sort
Bubble sort link: <http://classroommultimedia.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/bubble-sort.html>
Posted Oct 8

Don't see a class? Contact the teacher. They might not use Classroom or may not have turned on guardian summaries.

We foresee this as a way of starting the extended learning conversation with your child and where you can jointly reflect on where they are in their learning journey for each subject.

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