



# St Thomas Becket

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Dear Parents,

I would first of all like to say a big thank you to everyone for your willingness and patience in using the remote learning tools we introduced last term to keep teaching and learning going throughout lockdown. The children's engagement was fantastic and it has been noted in a recent inspector visit that our school's online remote learning was an example of excellence.

Keeping the strong links between home and school is vital in all children's education and the recent situation has enabled us to make those links even stronger than before through the use of the Google Suite for Education (including Google classroom and Gsuite sites) and Tapestry platforms.

In these uncertain times, we still face the possibility of local lockdowns or year group isolations and we want to be as prepared as possible to move learning online again, even if it is only required for a short amount of time. We will therefore be continuing to use the GSuite Sites in all year groups to share our newsletters, topic information and homework. Each year group's Gsuite Site can be accessed, as normal, through our school's main website.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will also use Google Classroom for homework when appropriate. The children will be shown how to access both Gsuite and Google Classroom in school. The weekly class newsletters will make it clear where the homework can be found and what the expectations are for handing the homework in.

Years 1 and 2 will be using Tapestry as a way to share work between home and school in the event of a year group or whole school closure. It will not be used for weekly homework as the children's work can be brought in to school.

Reception parents will be invited to watch a video presentation to explain both Tapestry and G-Suite next week. This would normally have formed part of our Reading Meeting in October; however we are looking at alternative ways to share that information online. We will advise all of the Reception parents as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Miss L Earl  
Computing Lead