

# the GREENROOM school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first week of our Green Room Virtual School.

My expectations have been exceeded. Attendance and engagement has been superb. The pupils are still eager to learn in the core subjects as well as the myriad of other options now open to them online. Relationships have been maintained and in some cases strengthened as we all face a common threat and overcome this adversity together. It is early days, but I feel that this environment will only get better and when all this is done, we will have a better school for it.

As you know we have based our school on the Google platform which is a safe and monitored platform that we have been using for a long time. Throughout this crisis, Google has opened up functionality on the Educational G Suite that is usually reserved for business. This has had huge benefits and worked very well so far. One of these functions we are now using is Google Chat. You may have seen this is the meeting place for all Circle Times and lessons. You can create virtual rooms which the pupils can enter to find meetings/lessons and activities. The pupils can still 'chat' together and make audio/video calls.

I see this as having a positive effect on their wellbeing and maintaining connections. It can also be abused and I want to inform you of the sanctions we have put in place for anyone not using this platform appropriately. These are on the following page and have been made clear to pupils.

I would ask that if you have any personal concerns about your child's interaction with this technology that you let us know immediately. In this early stage I would like to keep the opportunities for connection and learning as open as possible, but will constantly be monitoring pupils behaviour and reviewing our school policy throughout this time.

Many thanks for your support as ever and I hope The Green Room is still having a positive impact on your child and on your household. Stay safe and take care.

Kind Regards,



Richard Allen  
Head of School

## **The Green Room Virtual School - Sanctions for Online Behaviour**

Google Chat is the platform for our virtual school, please respect the principles of politeness, respect and kindness. Any communications found to be disrespectful, offensive, hurtful or in any way having a detrimental effect on a pupil or staff member's well-being, will go through the following scale of sanctions.

Initially, any staff member present (or your coach) will inform you if your behaviour is inappropriate. This gives you the chance to rectify your behaviour immediately and apologise if required. Pupils are also encouraged to speak openly if they feel another pupil is not acting appropriately. Following this, if the behaviour continues these sanctions will be implemented.

- 1. The pupil responsible will be removed from the room (staff can do this immediately).**
- 2. The pupils coach will be clear with the pupil as to what is not appropriate.**
- 3. The pupil will receive a written warning from the Head/Deputy Head**
- 3. The parents/carers will receive a letter from the Head/Deputy Head**
- 4. Online Privileges will be removed from the pupil's profile**
- 5. The removal of Chat from the pupil's profile and lessons will take place in isolation**
- 6. Remove the pupil's GR Login for a fixed term (This is a fixed term exclusion)**
- 7. Remove the pupil's GR Login permanently (This is a permanent exclusion)**

**There are plenty of opportunities within this scale for the pupils to understand their behaviour and rectify it in this new environment. However, The Green Room reserves the right to proceed to the end of this scale for serious misconduct.**

**Be safe, be supportive, be kind.  
Thank you**