



1st February 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

I am writing to provide a brief update on home learning.

How we are measuring how much your child is engaging in home learning

From Monday 1st February, you will notice the addition of an Online Engagement RAG (Red, Amber and Green rating) report in the detailed progress area on your son/daughters Go4schools page:

Detailed progress

Subject	End of Yr...	Current	Lord Grey Residuals	Breakdown
Careers Mr D Smith, Ms J Brown	-	-	-	Mentoring -
Child Development and Ca Mrs K Hall View subject description	D	B	Exceeding Target (2)	Current Grades B Online Engagement 2021 Green

Teachers are providing a weekly RAG score based on the following criteria:

- Red= Completed no or minimal online learning activities.
- Amber = Completed the majority but not all online learning activities.
- Green = Completed all online learning activities.

We appreciate that home learning presents many challenges and we are keen to support you as much as we can. It is important to note that the purpose of this activity is not to criticise, but instead to:

1. Ensure that disruption to learning is minimal
2. Identify and overcome barriers to online engagement.

From the numerous conversations that have already taken place we have discovered there are some common reasons for students who are getting orange and red ratings:

- Students are completing more work than the RAG score suggests but they are not submitting the work to their teacher. Work is normally submitted via Google Classroom. If you are not sure how to do this there is some help available shown in the table at the end of this letter.
- A lack of engagement because a student has limited access to a laptop/Chromebook or has to share one with another family member. Sometimes the lack of internet connection is the problem. If either of these are an issue please complete the form in the section below or speak to your tutor or PAL.
- Students choosing to carry out work for specific subjects only. Your tutor will discuss this with you or your child.
- In a minority of cases, some students have simply not been engaging with the work but are telling parents and teachers they are!

Please do check your son/daughters work and that it has been submitted. All work is being set via our virtual school or as part of a live lesson. Where students have been loaned a device but are refusing to engage, we will be asking for the devices to be returned, where they will be cleaned and prepared to be made available for other students.

We know this is difficult for students and parents but we are generally pleased with the quality and quantity of work that we are seeing from most students. If you need help solving some of the most common home learning problems the table at the end of this letter contains lots of tips and hints.



Access to a computer/laptop/Chromebook and the Internet.

I have written to you before to identify the need for additional data or WiFi dongles. All parental requests to this point have been logged with the Government technology scheme as promised. If you have not completed a form about this yet, please do so by using this form [Getting Help with Technology](#).

We have received 130 devices since the pandemic began through the Government technology scheme and with the addition of another 110 laptops we have purchased ourselves, we have been able to supply 240 devices into homes who haven't had access to a laptop. We still have some to give out and will be prioritising families that don't have a laptop and who are relying on mobile phone access only. We are also bidding for 60 BT internet boosters to help increase internet speed. It is so important to have a laptop/Chromebook and an internet connection so please contact your year group Progress and Achievement Leader (PAL) PAL if you need support with this:

Year 7 PAL: aimee.bruin@lordgrey.org.uk

Year 8 PAL: jennifer.masey@lordgrey.org.uk

Year 9 PAL: jack.whiting@lordgrey.org.uk

Year 10 PAL: sophie.kean@lordgrey.org.uk

Year 11 PAL: antony.mort@lordgrey.org.uk

How to solve common home learning problems.

Exploring google classroom	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-jJ9V10BW0&feature=emb_logo
Accessing Virtual School on PC	https://youtu.be/sSCS45SK-Cg
How to upload to Google Classroom on a PC	https://youtu.be/N5w9bQGmxwY
Accessing Virtual School on a mobile device.	https://youtu.be/PcFDd5sskyc
How to upload to Google Classroom on a mobile device.	https://youtu.be/32pqp44geFE
My password doesn't work	password.reset@lordgrey.org.uk
Logging in to google	https://youtu.be/d-jJ9V10BW0?t=108
Finding google classroom in google	https://youtu.be/d-jJ9V10BW0?t=206
Accessing google suite from a smartphone or tablet	https://youtu.be/d-jJ9V10BW0?t=321
Getting around google classroom	https://youtu.be/d-jJ9V10BW0?t=360
Finding work set	https://youtu.be/d-jJ9V10BW0?t=492
Submitting work	https://youtu.be/d-jJ9V10BW0?t=575

We appreciate that these are challenging times for all and with schools not returning until at the very earliest 8th March and in what form of return we do not know, it is important to communicate effectively. Your son/daughter should receive at the very minimum a phone call from their tutor once a fortnight. However do contact your child's form tutor or year group PAL if issues arise.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Killen

Tel: 01908626114

Email: simon.killen@lordgrey.org.uk