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Google Classroom User agreement

1. As we are a google for education school all our policies support the use of google - we are extending the use of Google Classroom to the junior side of the school to make it more consistent and make school work accessible to parents/pupils which will allow for feedback and two way communication between home and school.
2. Google classroom meets all GDPR requirements. Unauthorized parties cannot access your data. Other individuals cannot access your data, and you can't access theirs. In fact, all user accounts are protected by Google secure architecture that ensures that one user cannot see another user's data. This is similar to how customer data is segmented in other shared infrastructures, such as online banking applications.
3. While Google is the platform provider, parents/guardians are directed to the Powerstown Educate Together policies and procedures as they relate to complaints concerning school work, pupils or staff. However, you should in the first instance raise any concerns you may have with the class teacher.
4. Our classrooms are invite only. Teachers emailed links to join the classroom. You can only join the classroom inside the powerstownet domain.
5. **Staff, to the best of their ability, are accessible & monitoring google classrooms during the typical school day (from 8.30am - 2.10pm). However flexibility around staff's personal circumstances is promoted by the Board of Management.**
6. Minimum of 4 staff are monitoring google classrooms to ensure the appropriate content is being shared and that all parties are engaged in an appropriate and meaningful way.
7. Both pupils and staff are protected by Data Protection regulations. Please be advised that any still shots, photographs or other recordings of Google Classroom are strictly prohibited and the School will engage with third parties e.g. Data Protection Commissioner and Gardai where appropriate.
8. Google do not have any ownership of any of the data stored in google classrooms. Powerstown Educate Together is the primary owner of the data. Note: Parents and guardians can't access Classroom or their child's assignments due to privacy laws. Guardians can receive email summaries if their child's teacher allows it. For more information, see [About guardian email summaries](#).
9. Powerstown Educate Together domain ensures that pupil email addresses can only contact email addresses inside our domain. All documents created and stored by staff and pupils cannot be shared outside the @Powerstownet.com domain. We have strict privacy settings within google.
10. All individuals with access to view the classroom are identifiable on the people tab of google classroom. No other users can identify other children in the school. Only individuals with a @powerstownet domain are in a position to be added to this tab. Individual email addresses are not visible in Google Classroom, names only are visible.

11. While engaging with Google Classroom pupils are expected to adhere to their normal classroom rules. Any misbehaviour or inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Code of Behaviour. This will necessitate some level of guidance from parents/guardians during these interactions. We would ask that where a parent/guardian does not feel capable of providing this added care that they make this known to the teacher before allowing their child to engage with the programme.
12. Google Classroom is an additional resource for pupils to help achieve their individual academic success. It is a platform for students, not parents to engage with teachers/staff. Parents/guardians are, as always, welcome to seek a meeting/discussion with their child's teacher through email to child's_teacher@powerstownt.net.
13. The content of the Google Classroom is in keeping with the pupil's syllabus as set out by the Department of Education. Naturally, accommodation has had to be made to account for resources households might have e.g. art supplies, texts and access to a computer. We respectfully ask that parents/guardians acknowledge our efforts in this regard and understand that the content is not a reflection of typically in-class work.
14. There are no ads in G Suite for Education core services, and students' personal information won't be used to create ad profiles for targeting.