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Dear all,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you and also thank my staff for the efforts and positivity this week as we have embraced the challenges that we were faced with from the Government's announcement on Monday evening.

It has been an absolute joy to see children learning online and having the opportunity to engage with their teachers and peers still in this very different world we are faced with. I would also like to thank you for your patience as we continue to learn and develop our online learning offering – which will continue to enhance and improve further over the coming weeks.

Below are updates and extra pieces of information I wanted to share at this stage:

Wellbeing and e-safety

It is important we manage to keep an element of routine and normality for all children at this time. While our online learning does not replicate school to its full extent (and never can) we would recommend children treat it as such with regular bed times, uniform (a choice but many find it helps concentration and focus), eating and drinking in a healthy way and breaks and physical activity.

We are aware that children are potentially exposed to a more significant amount of screen time during this period versus face to face schooling. We will be working to ensure there is opportunity for physical activity and offline work but would also encourage you to ensure the children make the most of their breaks in the day and stay physically active especially at the end of the online school day. Please ensure cameras are off during breaks so everyone has some time away from the screen; teachers will be reinforcing this message.

We have always made e-safety a core pillar of our computing teaching & learning in school and would ask you to continue to do so at home – particularly at this time of increased online activity. Below is a reminder that we use with the children (SMART) to remember how to stay safe online and we would encourage you to reiterate these messages with your children.

Accessing online learning

You and your children have all shown determination and flexibility in accessing our live learning this week and we have had positive responses from many parents. We hope that this form of learning will ensure children continue to make progress

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during a period of lockdown and access the core curriculum through live lessons. This is the optimal route for children to learn while at home and is the reason we have been taking registers to ensure maximum attendance – we remain committed to aiming for 100% attendance from all children. We are always here to discuss any issues you may have.

In order to help your child with their online learning, we can offer the loan of school ipads to those families who are in need. If you feel your child needs a loaned device to access their learning, please email admin@gaglebrook.org.uk and we will do our best to provide you with one as soon as practicable.

As you are aware, all lessons are recorded and are available for children to watch each day as separate recordings for each lesson. This means children can watch back lessons if they need / want to refer to it or if they miss a lesson for a particular reason. To access the recorded lessons you can find your child's class Team (e.g. GAG – Year 1) and under files will be recordings for each day and lesson. Screen shots are below to help you access. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions in this regard. All lessons will be available for 21 days before being automatically deleted. We would remind you of the online learning agreement that was shared last week, that lessons should not be downloaded or any filmed on personal devices.

Uploading work

As we move forwards we expect children to ensure they share their work with teachers so that we can assess their progress and provide meaningful feedback as they would do in school.

For our Reception and Nursery children, we would ask you to continue to upload home learning to Tapestry as you have done in the past.

For Year 1 & 2, as has been explained by your teachers, please use Purple Mash where work can be uploaded to the child's file. Please see the video on TEAMS from Mr Milward explaining the process and showing how to do this. If you have any questions, contact your child's class teacher.

Safeguarding

We remain committed to ensuring all children remain safe in education, whether in school or learning online. A revised safeguarding policy addendum has been included on the school website confirming that our policy and procedures are firmly in place to support children and others if any concerns are evident.

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Free school meals

We will be in contact next week for all families to receive a food box to reflect your child's Free School Meal status. This will include a selection of essential items for use at lunchtimes throughout the lockdown period. We will contact you for collection times and there will be a collection every 2 weeks.

This remains a difficult time for all families and we are focussed on all children continuing to thrive, even in these strange circumstances. We are always here to discuss any problems you may have, support you in the best way we can and, as I said in my message on Monday, if we work together as a community, we can make sure our children flourish whatever the situation.

Please do take care, be kind to yourselves and stay safe.

Regards

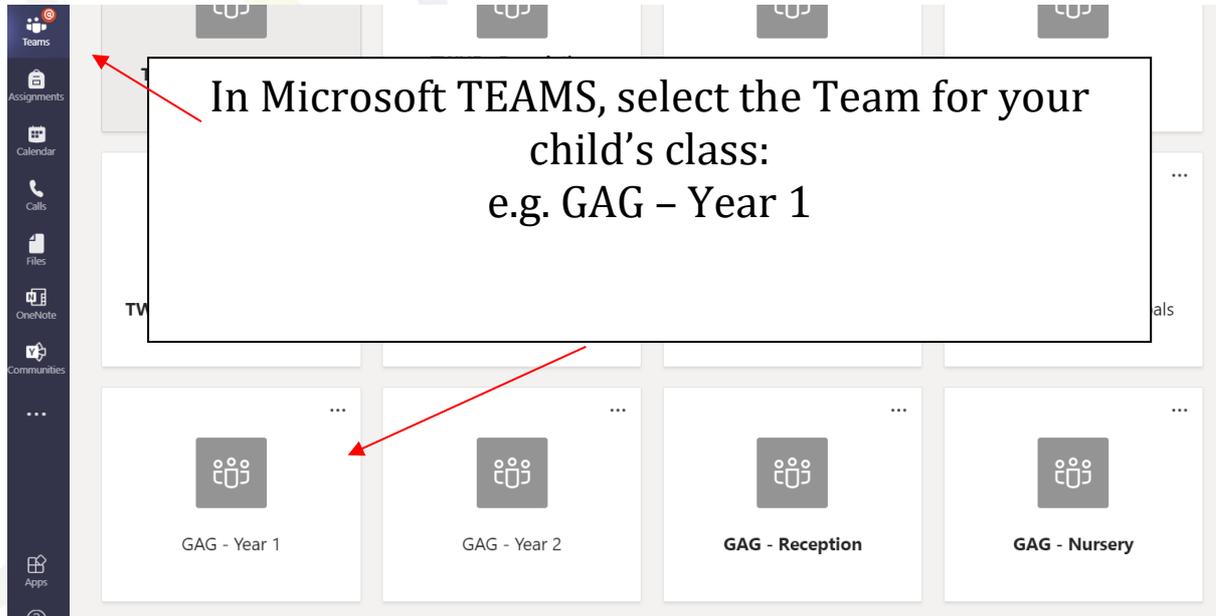
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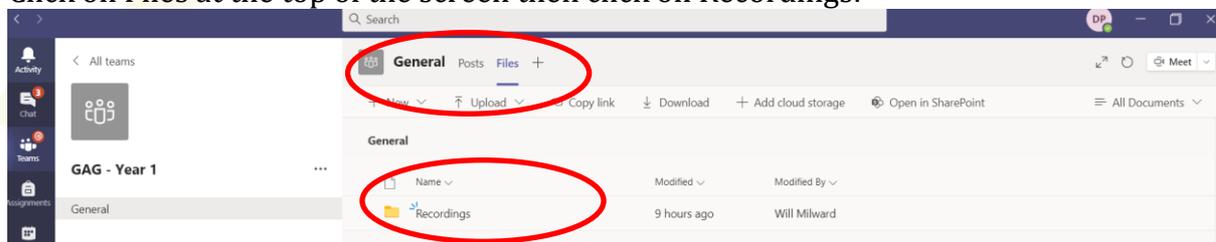
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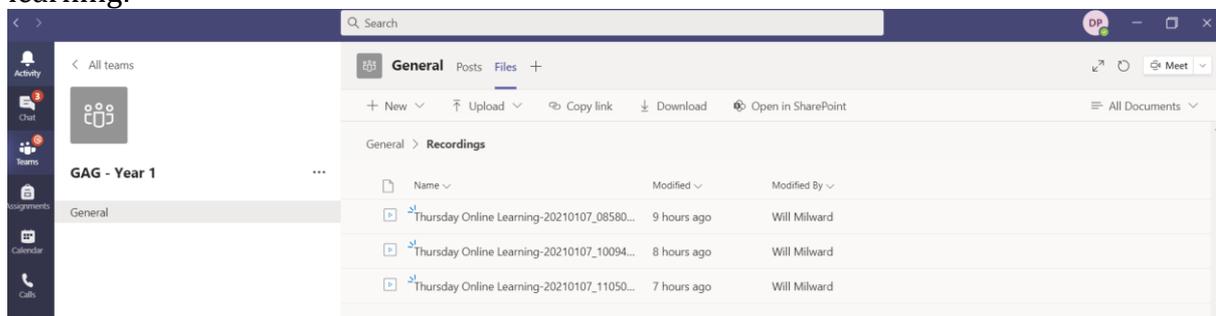
Recorded lesson location:



Click on Files at the top of the screen then click on Recordings:



Each lesson will be a separate recording with the date shown to indicate the day of learning:



Be smart on the internet



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SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

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MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.



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ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



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RELIABLE

Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.



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TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

