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Dear parents/carers

Thank you so much for all your continued support with your child's return to school. We appreciate it is a very difficult and worrying time for parents and want to continue to reassure you that all government guidelines are being followed. We are working to ensure that we are able to provide work for all children in the event that they are isolating or there is a bubble closure are not able to come to school. Where possible we want to ensure that this work and learning opportunities are the same as what the children would be receiving in school. As a result of this, if your child was unable to come into school we will be providing work that mirrors the work happening in their class. This will ensure that when your child returns to school, they will be at the same stage of learning as the rest of the class. We will be providing this through the use of Microsoft Teams, as was introduced for home learning during the Summer Term.

The benefits of using Teams will mean that:

- Staff will be able to interact and offer advice to parents/carers and children via posts that are accessible on any phone, tablet and computer.
- Activities are completely tailored to the needs of the children with videos able to be linked to activities as well as any number of resources to aid learning.
- Activities can be worked through at your child's own pace.
- Feedback on activities can be instant for quizzes and automatically received to your devices for feedback from staff to provide the next stages of learning.

If you still have Teams available from last academic year, then it will automatically update and transfer your child into their current class. If you need instructions to access the app again, these are included at the end of this letter.

You will be sent your child's login through an individual parentmail at some point over the next week.

When you log in, it will look slightly different to last year.

Your child's lessons will be split into 4 Teams:

- Maths – this will include all maths sessions for your children to access.
- English – this includes any reading, phonics, writing, spelling or grammar tasks your child has been set.
- Computing – this is to support your child's computing and ICT curriculum (not currently being used)
- Curriculum – this will cover all other wellbeing and curriculum areas

We will be beginning to use Teams in our classroom-based provision and for homework in the near future to support the children's familiarity with it.



Here are the instructions for how to download Teams for free on Android/Apple phones and also to access Teams from a Windows computer:

Android device: [https://youtu.be/ Pd1-oNFie8](https://youtu.be/Pd1-oNFie8)

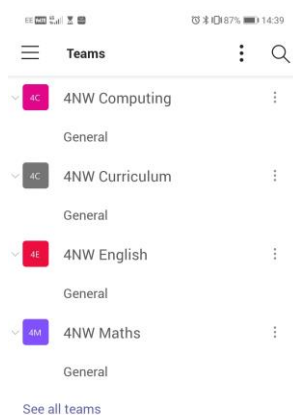
Apple device: <https://youtu.be/i0dnNVOY-Bk>

Windows Laptop or Desktop Computer: <https://youtu.be/dYVMIJHd3v8>

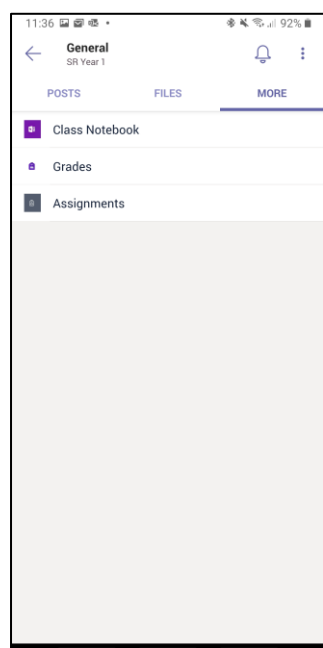
Using Teams on a Mobile Device

1. Once logged on, click on whichever subject Team your child will be working on for that lesson: Maths, English, Computing or Curriculum.

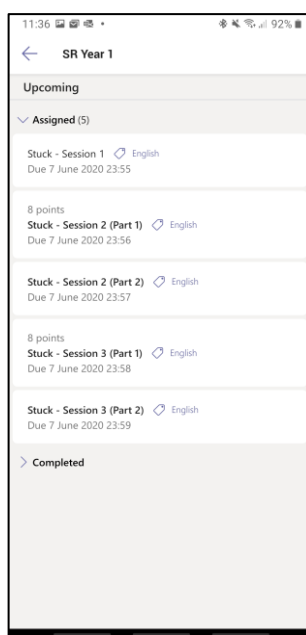
2. Now click on the word 'General':



3. Now click on 'More' and then 'Assignments':



4. Here is an example of what the assignments list may look like:



If you have any questions about using Teams, please contact your child's class teacher through their class email and we'll get back to you with further details.

Regards

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