



Update for Pupils and Parents Tuesday 31st March 2020

Good Evening All

As we adapt to our new way of working, living and educating please be assured that staff remain determined and committed to support remote learning. Up to Friday 20th March online learning existed in parallel with a structured timetable where pupils met daily with staff to ensure understanding and direction for individual subjects. To safeguard that pupils achieve learning intentions and targeted goals, we now, more than ever must ensure that 'remote learning' becomes a phrase that supports pupils as an electronic tool, during this period of social distancing, to becoming 'independent learners'.

We would ask that you take time to ensure that your son/daughter has logged on to Google Classroom/Fronter and is completing the tasks set by their subject teachers. It is crucial that pupils stay engaged to maintain momentum as they continue to build towards developing their skill sets and subject understanding.

Support docs for downloading and accessing Google Classroom can be found on the school website.

We have included **two links** which pupils may find useful to support their 'Remote Learning' journey.

Stay Safe!

N Oliver
Deputy Principal



Link 1

Speak text-to-speech feature to read text aloud!

This function might be helpful for some of the pupils who are struggling with reading their work. It is an add on for the Office programmes. It is very quick to set up pupils will need to adjust the settings on their computer. Follow the link to find instructions. If you experience difficulty, email Mr Cathcart, the school's IT Technician, on scathcart150@c2ken.net and he will provide assistance.

<https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/use-the-speak-text-to-speech-feature-to-read-text-aloud-459e7704-a76d-4fe2-ab48-189d6b83333c>

Link 2

Audible Stories

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For as long as schools are closed, we're open. Starting today, kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids.

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