Google Chat Guide for Parents

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Why Google Chat?

- Google Chat is a secure communications tool that the school will be using for communication between teachers and parents.
- From 2023 onwards, we would like to centralize communication with our parents.
- The 3 platforms are Email/Phone Call/Google Chat.
- As our teachers are not required to provide their personal handphone numbers, we hope that Google Chat can still provide you with the platform that you need to communicate with the teacher.
- Google chat can be used to communicate with teachers for the following:
 - For concerns or questions you may have.
 - To update the teacher on your daughter.
- Our teachers also need to rest and recharge for the next day. We kindly ask that all communication stops at 5pm.



Getting Started

• Choose from 4 different methods to communicate with your daughter's teachers using Google Chat





Google Chat App (iOS)

• Download the Google Chat app via App Store



Google Chat 4+ Efficient Team Communication Google LLC

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Free



• Click on 'Get started'.



- If you have logged in to any Google account on your phone, select the Google account you'd like to use chat with and click to turn chat on.
- Click on Done to proceed.



- If you have not logged in to any Google account on your phone, Google will prompt you to sign in.
- Click on 'Continue' to sign in with your Google account.

"Chat" Wants to Use "google.com" to Sign In This allows the app and website to share information about you. Cancel

- You will be redirected to the Google Chat interface, where you can see all existing conversations.
- Click on 'New chat' to start a conversation.



- Type your daughter's teacher's email address into the search bar to look for her.
- Click on her name to start a conversation.



• You can type a message, send emojis, or even documents to your daughter's teachers.





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- Click on 'Sign in' and log in with your Google email and password.

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Web Browser (Desktop)

- Go to chat.google.com
- Sign in to your Google account using your email address and password.

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Getting Started (Gmail)



In Gmail (Desktop)

- Go to the Gmail website (mail.google.com) and log in with your Google account.
- Click on the 'Settings' icon on the top right corner.
- Click on 'Customise' under Chat and Meet.



- Enable Google Chat and then click on the 'Done' button.
- The Google Chat icon should now show up in your sidebar!





• Click on 'Chat' on the left sidebar.



- Click on 'Start a chat' to look for your daughter's teacher's email address.
- Type your daughter's teacher's email address into the search bar to look for her.
- Click on her name to start a conversation.



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Useful Links

- Google Chat cheat sheet (<u>https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9299928</u>)
- Google Chat beginner's tips (<u>https://support.google.com/a/users/topic/9326707?hl=en&ref_top</u> <u>ic=9348682</u>)



- I don't have a Google account. Am I still able to communicate with my child's teachers?
 You can create a Google account by linking your existing email
 - address (e.g. yahoo email) on the Sign-in page.

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• What's the difference between using Google Chat on web browser and Google Chat in Gmail?

> Using Google Chat in Gmail allows you to multi-task and displays all your communications, including emails and chats, in one space.



• My child's teacher does not seem to be responding to me on Google Chat even though I messaged her.

> Do confirm with your child's teacher that she will be using Google Chat as a platform this year.