

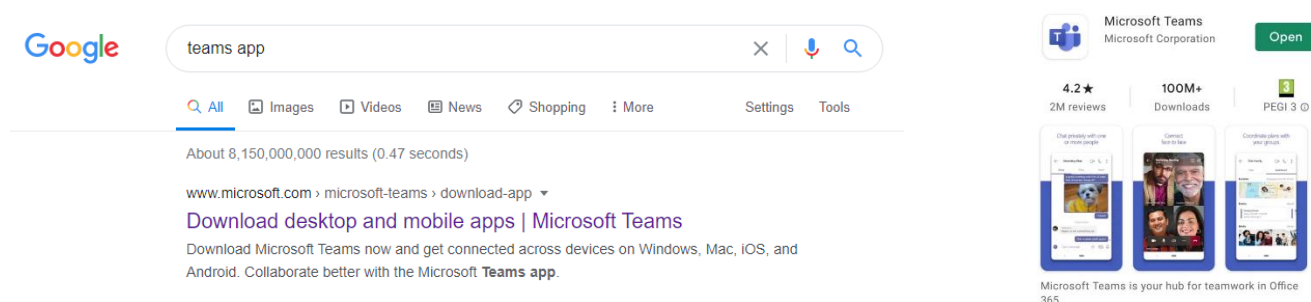
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Dear parent or carer,

Your child's education is very important to us and I wanted to try to ensure that we are doing everything we can to help.

As you are aware contact with a member of the teaching team on regular basis is vital to your child's education and development. With this in mind it will soon become school policy to offer your child one online session per day via the **Teams** remote teaching app. This app is small program that can be downloaded on to a mobile phone, laptop, chrome book or desktop computer.

See below for laptop and mobile phone view:



The screenshot shows a Google search for 'teams app'. The search results include a link to 'Download desktop and mobile apps | Microsoft Teams' with a description: 'Download Microsoft Teams now and get connected across devices on Windows, Mac, iOS, and Android. Collaborate better with the Microsoft Teams app.' To the right, there is a preview of the Microsoft Teams app interface, showing a grid of video feeds and a chat window.

The teaching team will email you a link to each individual lesson. All you need to do is click on this to join that lesson. It is not necessary to have your camera on when in the virtual lesson.

## Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)



## Government Laptops

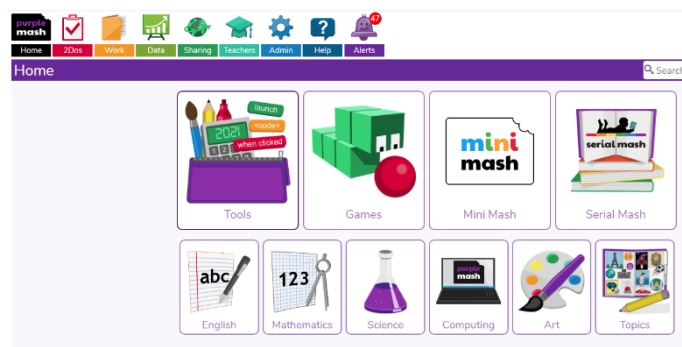
If you do not have a mobile device or laptop we have a small number of devices available for loan. These devices are very limited in number and are allocated based on need. Unfortunately we do not have many. If you require a device - and will attend the sessions - please contact the school to enquire about availability.

## Technical help.

We are available for technical help. If you are unsure how to install Teams or use the software, me or another member of staff will be happy to assist you. All you need to do is call the school and leave a message detailing your issue and we will contact you as soon as practical during school hours.

## Online learning platforms

Additionally your child has access to an online learning platform called Purple Mash. Your class teacher can set appropriate educational tasks for your child to access at home. If you need them, your child's login details are available from their class teacher.



## E- safety

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### e-Safety

Click the links below to access e-safety guides and tips:

[Useful websites for parents](#)

[Social media guidance](#)

[Keeping under fives safe online](#)

Your child's safety when using technology is paramount. We have added a number of helpful advice sheets for parents to the school website under the news section. However, if you need any further advice please contact the school and we would be happy to help.



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Obviously we hope we can get back to normal as soon as possible, but in the meantime we are doing everything we can to help.

Yours faithfully,

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and

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