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Dear parents/carers,

We have received several calls today from parents who have been contacted about non-completion of work on Google Classroom. Some parents have been concerned about this message as they felt their children had been completing their work and this message has caused some unhappiness and frustration.

I am sorry if anyone has felt any upset at this message. What we are trying to do in school is monitor engagement in Google Classroom so that we are able to make sure that children are accessing at least some of their work. I think what may be happening with some children is that they are not 'handing in' their work at the end of a Google Classroom session. If the children contact their teacher either to tell them they have completed the work, or press the 'hand in' button at the end of the lesson, this makes staff aware that the work has been completed. If the pupil doesn't do this, it will be recorded as the work not being done.

I have shared a 'guide' compiled by Mr Barkley on how to submit work on Google Classroom. All staff will be sharing this with their classes but it will also be useful for you to see also.

We do realise that trying to keep a check on what your children are working on at home and juggling everything else you may have to do during the day can be a huge challenge. We do understand that not all tasks may be completed. If you are having trouble motivating children to complete their work, focus on key subjects such as English and Maths to encourage them to be doing at least something every day.

If you do have issues that you feel we can help you with, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Karen McSparron

