



Oriel Academy West London
an Aspirations Academy

A Parents' Guide to



The Google Apps for Education Suite

Tools that your entire school can use, together



Classroom



Gmail



Drive



Calendar



Vault



Docs



Sheets



Slides



Sites

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Why Google for Education?

We have made chosen to develop the use of Google in Education as a resource for the school for a number of reasons:

- It is free to everyone;
- It safe and secure;
- Its designed for schools and pupils;
- It supports all aspects of the curriculum;
- Beyond the core apps there are hundreds of apps and resources designed for and approved by educators, which interact with each other easily;
- Manageability and ease of accessibility.



Google's suit of applications (Apps) can be used on any internet enabled device or connected device (this includes internet TVs, smartphones, tablets, PCs, Macs, notebooks, Chromebook, games consoles, eReaders (Kindle) to name a few, as long as it has a screen and a browser you are away.

The average British household now owns 7.4 internet devices, with four out of 10 households buying a tablet in the last year.

Smartphones are the most common internet-enabled device, at 1.7 per household, followed by laptops (1.3) and tablets (1.2).

Seven out of 10 households now own at least one tablet, while 19% have two and 11% own three or more.

YouGov



Internet access - Anywhere, Anytime, Any device and Cloud

Find out more:

<https://www.google.com/edu/>

So what do you do?

Well the first thing you need to do is engage, get online and find out a bit about this for yourself.

Your children are going to learn about a whole new world of computers and technology and you need to know what it is all about and it may even help you too!

Google produce fantastic resources and explanations that are far better than anything we could hope to publish in this guide so go to:

<https://www.google.com/edu/>

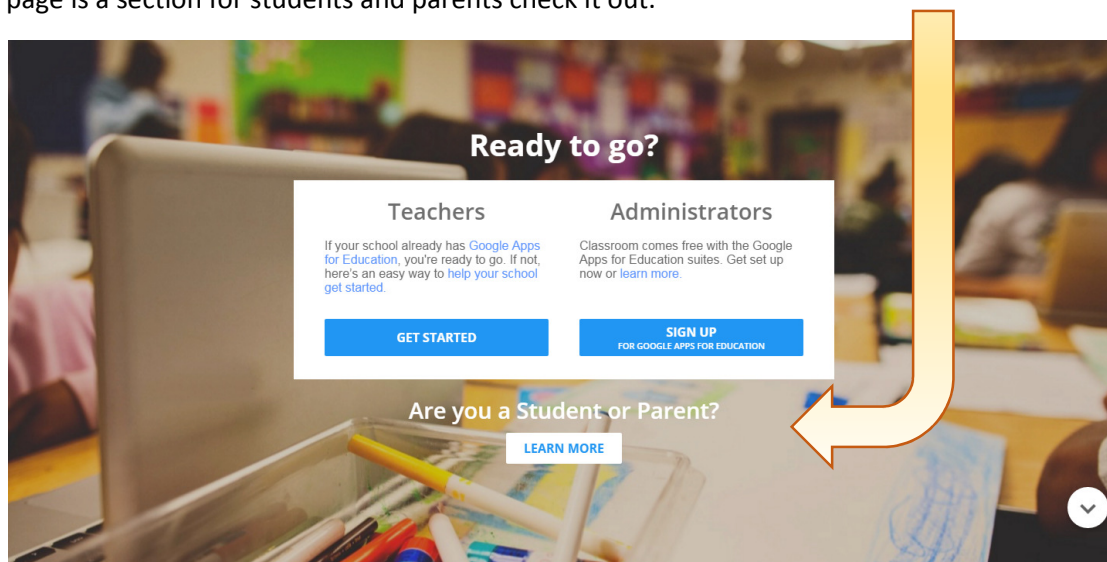


Scroll down and watch the video Google for Education 101 (101 seconds)

Another great explanation can be found here:

<https://www.google.com/edu/products/productivity-tools/classroom/index.html>

Watch the film hear from teachers and students who use Google Classroom, at the bottom of the page is a section for students and parents check it out.



You don't need to download any software tyou can use all the Google apps within you existing browser but once you get to know it you will want to download / Install Google Chrome for the best experience. Also your child can use their school account but you are going to want your own... Just saying.