

G Suite for Education, including Google Classroom – what is all the fuss about?



G Suite for Education

Google recognises the importance of collaboration and has built G Suite with functionality to do this and more. Students can access their accounts anywhere, anytime, allowing a consistent approach, even when at home.

Herts for Learning is now offering G Suite for Education, created by Google. G Suite is designed with education in mind and is changing the learning experience in schools across all phases, around the world.

G Suite is a combination of online software tools, including:



Google Drive – share individual files or folders with other teachers and students with unlimited Cloud storage for all users



Google Docs, Sheets and Slides – Google's alternative to Microsoft Office



Google Classroom – a virtual learning environment that enables teachers to create and collect assignments, communicate to the whole class and organise resources

Google for Education

The benefits of using G Suite in the classroom:

- software is completely free for schools*
- easy collaboration – create, share and edit files in real-time. This means that everyone is on the same page and all files are stored automatically in the cloud
- can be used on any device, anywhere and anytime meaning a consistent approach from any tablet, phone or computer
- integrate with a Windows network, so login details and passwords are the same across both platforms

**Find out more about G Suite
at one of HfL's FREE taster
sessions – see details overleaf**

G Suite will run on any web browser, however, many schools invest in Chromebooks to run G Suite; this option enables schools to enjoy many benefits:

- the cost of a Chromebook is a third of the cost of a laptop
- reduced set up time and automatic updates
- easy to use, fast start up and light to carry
- long battery life that will last for a school day

Herts for Learning offer a Google Education Service including expertise in set up, integration of a current school's network, a supply of Chromebooks and training and ongoing support that includes guidance from Google Certified Consultants.

A number of Hertfordshire schools have already integrated G Suite and Chromebooks in their schools and it has a real impact in the delivery of ICT.

"The biggest thing that we really enjoy is collaborative learning and the ability to share. It has been a huge success."

Primary school ICT co-ordinator

"It's been really useful for reading as you can access online books and other reading materials."

Hertfordshire KS2 teacher

Attend one of our twilight taster sessions – G Suite, what is all the fuss about?

Herts for Learning will be running taster sessions so that schools can find out more, see the G Suite demonstrated and gain hands-on experience using the system.

Three sessions, led by HfL's Level 2 Google Certified Educators, are running. These are suitable for headteachers, ICT leads and network managers. See information below:

16SIT/118A Thursday 24th November (4pm to 6pm)
St Peter's C of E VA Primary, Rickmansworth, WD3 8HD

16SIT/119A Monday 28th November (4pm to 6pm)
Hertfordshire Development Centre, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ

16SIT/120A Thursday 8th December (4pm to 6pm)
Peartree Spring Primary, Stevenage, SG2 9GG

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