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Dear Parents

To further develop our learning in digital classrooms we have set up a google account under our Russell Street Domain for your child.

This will give your child access to online learning opportunities such as google documents, spreadsheets, presentations, surveys, drawing tools and e-mail. By having an account children within the Russell Street Domain can work collaboratively on documents with their peers and also continue working on schoolwork from home. These are advantages we want to explore and make good use of.

Using the suite of google applications is consistent with practice in the world today. An increasing number of schools are using it as their main 'suite of tools' (And no longer using Word, Excel, Powerpoint) They offer a no cost, internet based platform, that can be accessed anywhere, anytime. The filtering and safety/security is strong and consistent, no matter where children access it from and everyone is using the same version at the same time (eliminating problems created by different users running newer or older versions of publishing and processing software (Word for example)

By having these online learning tools available to support our learning we will be able to teach children how to collaborate on activities in a managed environment. This allows us to monitor children's use and ensure it is used appropriately.

The address to log in and access the site is <http://mail.google.com/a/russellst.school.nz>

Your child's username is \_\_\_\_\_

and their password is \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

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