

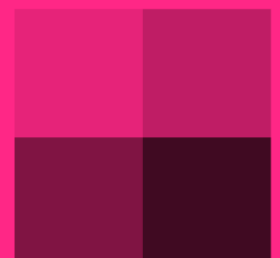
DfE Digital Education Platform Funding G Suite Offer for Schools

G Suite for Education



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Schools can now apply for Department for Education-funded support to get set up on G Suite for Education

Schools and responsible bodies can apply for Department for Education-funded support to get set up on one of two free-to-use digital education platforms: G Suite for Education or Office 365 Education. As an accredited Google for Education partner we're here to help.

Why G Suite for Education?

G Suite for Education contains a set of productivity tools for classroom collaboration. Accessible from any device, it is used by over 120m+ users worldwide and enables teachers and students to continue teaching and learning remotely. Google Classroom helps teachers to organise learning activity, hand out & mark assessments and provide structure for students learning at home. Teach From Home provides teachers with easy-to-use resources to get started with G Suite.

To find out more about whether G Suite for Education is right for your school we can arrange for a specialist to talk you through.

Is your school eligible for funding?

Schools that do not currently have a digital education platform are eligible for funding. Schools that already have G Suite or Office 365, but **not all pupils** have accounts are also eligible.

If you wish, you can keep Office 365 as your main email platform but use G Suite for Education as a learning platform.

What is included?

The core funding will cover the cost of service to carry out:

- End-to-end set up of G Suite for Education as a learning platform
- Provision of Google Classrooms
- Core security settings to support remote education
- Creation of a central "remote learning hub" site for your school
- Handover training for your school's staff (A two-hour session)

We can help to carry out a safe, secure and professional set up of your platform, including sharing best practices on domain settings and feature enablement.

If you feel that you would rather use Office 365 as your learning platform, give us a call and we can give you an unbiased comparison of the platforms and let you know the options we can provide.

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By choosing Schools ICT as your delivery partner, you get the additional benefits included at no cost to your school:

- 1 year of Wonde Google Sync free (usually £300pa), information about Wonde below
- Setup of Wonde for free (usually £195 ex VAT)
- A discounted Wonde Google Sync renewal price of £200pa for primary schools (RRP is £300) and £320pa for secondary schools (RRP is £480).

What is Wonde Google Sync?

Google Sync saves your school hours of work by automatically creating, updating and deleting Google accounts by linking to your school's MIS. As pupils join the school, teachers change or you enter a new school year, Wonde will take care of G Suite as you update your MIS.

Setup Google Classroom with the classes and groups from your school's MIS. Students and teachers are assigned automatically for you. The timetable can be added to a user's calendar through the Wonde link to the school's MIS.

Wonde has the contact details of parents (mobile numbers and email addresses) We can automatically send student credentials direct to parents via text message and/or email instantly from inside Wonde! Wonde charge 10p per contact per communication for this service. You also have the option to buy into Wonde's Single Sign On service, which enables symbol and QR code logins to G Suite and Chromebooks.

What do Ofsted expect of schools in regard to remote learning?

In the recently published "[Guidance for education providers about Ofsted's phased return to inspection.](#)" Ofsted have announced a new type of interim inspection, that is designed to inspect current topics around "managing the return to full education for their pupils, including considering 'blended learning' (on-site/**remote education**) and safeguarding". These inspections will start from September 2020 and will focus on "how leaders are ensuring pupils resume learning the school's extant curriculum, including the blend of classroom teaching and, where necessary, **remote education**"

At the time of publication, the DfE have not officially declared their enforcement of remote learning expectations of schools. However, the Education secretary Gavin Williamson will consider ordering schools to provide a minimum level of **remote education** should their area go into local lockdown in autumn.

How do we get started?

If you would like to apply for funding you will need to visit the [digital education platform hub](#) to get the ball rolling. You have the option to select **Schools ICT** as your preferred supplier on the Deployment Support Request Form. If you need any support with this process or have any questions about the scheme, please contact us using the details below.

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