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FOCUS: REMOTE TEACHING PLATFORMS

Over the Corona virus pandemic, we had to use our initiative to get lessons to our children. From Zoom to Dojo, Dropbox, Facebook and Evidence for Learning, was your school trying to deliver using a multitude of platforms?

Was your school working in unison, did every teacher use the same platform to educate their class? There were, and still are, so many to choose from and they all provide something different.

Moving forward, isn't it time you started using a single platform for all your on-line teaching - such as Google Classrooms? Now we are in September, most children have returned to the classroom, however schools still need to be pandemic ready. Various locations throughout the country have had to close back down, shops and services closing their doors once more.

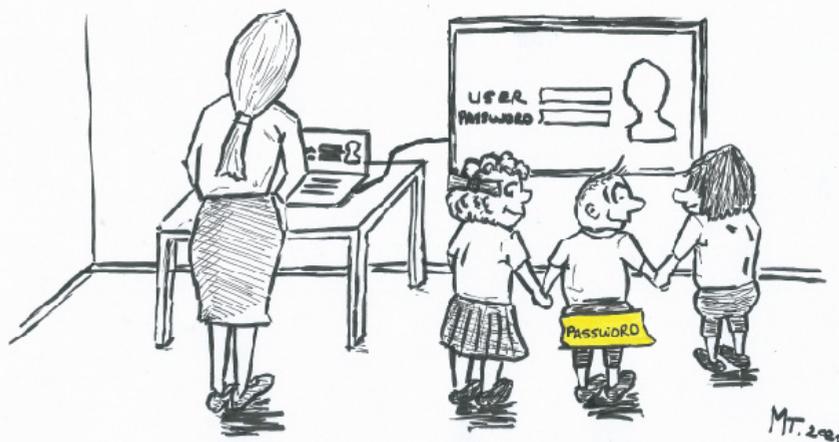
We can help you utilise the Government grant scheme, enrol your school in Google Classrooms so you are able to create and deliver tailor-made lessons for your children, manage a single platform where you can upload documents, mark work, communicate with and individually assess a child. Cablers is a recognised partner for Google Classrooms, let us help your school become a pioneer in the classroom revolution.

Hello, I'm Murray Thorpe, Managing Director of Cablers, a leading IT solutions provider in the Education Market. I want to talk to you about your IT, specifically, how you are dealing with the huge changes society has had to manage over the last six months.

Your staff have had to embrace new ways, to not only work from home, but to teach their lessons. Using a symbiosis of platforms or one coherent package, there has been such a huge leap in the way teachers use IT equipment and online platforms it can be overwhelming.

In this newsletter I am focussing on two areas, the use of Remote Teaching Platforms and IT Security, both of which have become much more important in the day to day lives of our schools. My team and I are here to assist you, so feel free to call us on 01787 22 11 66 if you want to find out more about these or other topics.

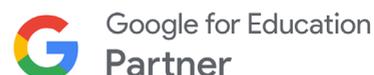
School IT Nightmares

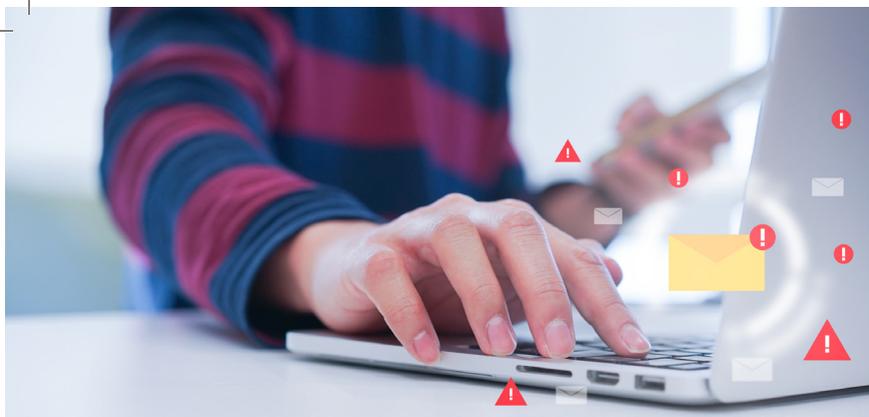


"Mrs Bright couldn't start the class until she had found her password, she normally kept it on a Post-it note on top of her laptop"

Dept for Education provides grant of £1500 per school to create and develop interactive social learning platform

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Unique security innovation : Cablers leading 365 Security Pack Solution, has the tools to keep your IT safe, coherently and to budget.

FOCUS: SECURITY

Did you know that your school IT security is currently at a higher risk of being hijacked than ever before? With some staff still working from home and school laptops being used off site, security of your network can be compromised, without you being aware. Are you aware of the pitfalls that are out there, catching out staff, and jeopardising your security? When staff are working from home, and more lessons being participated in on-line, sometimes the overall necessity of security can be forgotten or diluted. Are you 100% certain that all staff have updated their laptops to the latest Windows security patches? Are all antivirus updates done? Where are staff saving their work? Is it safe, are you secure?

WINDOWS 7 - NOW OBSOLETE

In February 2020, Windows 7 reached end of life. This means that Microsoft will no longer send out security patches so it is open to infiltration from unwanted third parties. Are all your laptops and computers now operating on Windows 10?

STOP USING USB STICKS

Many schools use USB's to transfer work to and from school, or carry laptops full of information. Using a secure cloud account as a main place for storage of all important information, children's data, lesson planning and so on, means that if a laptop or memory stick goes missing, there is no breach of GDPR, and you are able to still access everything you need.

LOOK AFTER YOUR PASSWORDS

How are your staff managing their logins? Are they using the same password for all their applications both at work and at home? Ensuring all staff use a Password Manager will help mitigate this potential security issue.

Simple changes and advice to help reduce the possibility of a security mishap include:

- Advising Staff not to click on links or downloads, especially updates about Corona Virus or other topical subjects.
- Check the source of where the e-mail comes from before downloading - are there additional characters in the address, or a different designator to normal - .com instead of .co.uk?
- Only use resources from safe, known suppliers.
- Call suppliers to confirm changes to any billing details, don't rely solely on emails.

If you need any advice or help with any security issues, please do not hesitate to call me or my team. Our bespoke 365 Security Package is a must have in all schools, keeping your security services up to date and monitored on all computer appliances.

OTHER STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO SECURE YOUR NETWORK:

- Avoid Multiple log-ins
- Use a Password Manager
- Back up everything!
- Educate your staff
- Keep software and apps up-to-date

PRIMARY ATTACK a book by Murray Thorpe



To receive a free copy of Primary Attack, a comprehensive guide to protecting your School IT Network visit:
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