**THE
GILES NURSERY
AND
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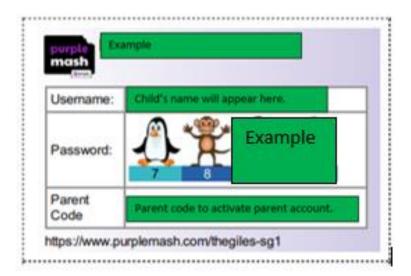22nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that your child now has access to Purple Mash, an online learning platform, designed for supporting your child's learning in the classroom and at home.

Purple Mash is a safe, secure online learning environment where your child can access 2Simple software resources and complete work that has been set by their teacher.

This online learning platform will give your child access to high quality remote educational resources and, if in the event of a whole class or year group bubble needing to be taught remotely, work will be presented here, tailored to their current curriculum.
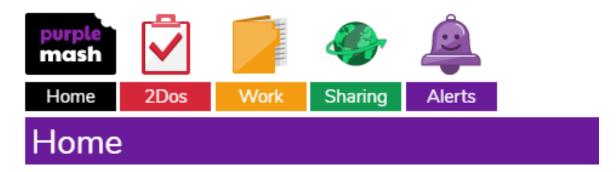
Purple Mash can be used on any device with an internet connection and is accessible daily.

Your child will be recieving a personal log in card, like the example below. It will be found in the front inside cover of your child's red reading record. If your child is in nursery, a paper copy will be sent home with your child.

After half term, your child will be introduced to Purple Mash in school; however, to begin with, why not have a go at logging in to Purple Mash with your child at home and explore the different areas.

Familiarise yourself with the menu icons at the top of the page. Your child's class teacher has left some fun activities and games to look at over half term if you wish to.

-Look at any set tasks that have been given to your child (2Dos)
-Find out about Class Blogs and Display Boards accessible via the Sharing Icon
-Explore the grammar, maths and spelling activities which match to the National Curriculum
-Play one of many fun, educational collaborative games such as 2Race
-Delve into the Science area and find out about all the areas of Science it covers
-Investigate the Topics area to support securing their knowledge of the wider curriculum
-Tour the Computing area trying out some of the tools such as 2Code, 2Go and Logo
-Get creative in the Tools section, from making an animation to building a printable 3D model

In addition to Purple Mash, the children also have access to Mini Mash. These resources are designed with our EYFS learners in mind. This area is full of explorative and interactive games, activities and resources to stimulate younger learners.

E-Safety is an important part of keeping your child safe whilst online. It is embedded thoughout our teaching; however, with an increase in online learning, it is important to talk about keeping safe online with your child. At the bottom of this letter please find our acceptable use agreement that is shared with the children in school. Please take time to share this agreement at home and fill in the online form to accept the terms and conditions for both child and parent/carer.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=1x0w5XouHEqyKO399sB9uDwU4kzkahFKgHZMCEkiyRBUQTdXTVlFSjNaMU1KNzVWR1kzV0ZWVEpJRi4u&sharetoken=cfF2A5rwCP7GdJ9F4IOY.

Whilst using Purple Mash, your child's work is saved in their My Work folder and this can only be viewed by themselves and their class teacher. Teachers have full control over who can view, comment and post on shared blogs.

If any Purple Mash content is shared by a teacher on another website, children's names and information can be hidden at the discretion of the teacher and in line with their school's Acceptable Use Policy and GDPR.

2Email allows children to send and receive emails within their class, under the close supervision of their teacher and only when settings allow them to do so. This will be introduced to Year 2 at a later date as part of their computing curriculum.

The Parent Portal is a helpful feature of Purple Mash which allows you to gain insight into your child's learning on Purple Mash. You can easily see all the activities associated with your child, including any rewards or approved work which has been shared to display boards and/or blogs.

You can view any 2Dos set and the status of your child's progress.

If your child wishes to share a piece of work with you; this too can easily be accessed via the Parent Portal.

Please click the link here to find out more. https://2simple.com/parents

The parent code can be found at the bottom of your child's log in details card. You will need to set up your owm account using the code.

If you would like any futher information please visit our school website or talk to your child's class teacher.

Most impotantly, have fun and enjoy learning together.

Kind Regards

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These rules help us to stay
safe on the Internet

Think then Click

We only use the Internet when an adult is with us.

We can click on the buttons or links when we know what they do.

We can search the Internet with an adult.

We always ask if we get lost on the Internet.

We can send and open emails together.

We can write polite and friendly emails to people that we know.

The Giles Nursery and Infants' School Pupil Acceptable Use

Agreement / eSafety Rules – Year Two

- I will only use ICT in school for school purposes.

- I will only use my class e-mail address when e-mailing at school in a controlled environment with my teacher– Year Two Syllabus.

- I will only open e-mail attachments from people I know, or who my teacher has approved.

- I will not tell other people my ICT passwords.

- I will only open/delete my own files.

- I will make sure that all ICT contact with other children and adults is responsible, polite and sensible.

- I will not look for, save or send anything that could be unpleasant or nasty. If I accidentally find anything like this I will tell my teacher immediately.

- I will not give out my own/others details such as name, phone number or home address. I will not arrange to meet someone or send my image unless this is part of a school project approved by my teacher and a responsible adult comes with me.

- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using ICT because I know that these rules are to keep me safe.

- I will support the school approach to online safety and not upload or add any images, video, sounds or text that could upset any member of the school community.

- I know that my use of ICT can be checked and my parent/carer contacted if a member of school staff is concerned about my safety.

- I will not sign up for any online service unless this is an agreed part of a school project approved by my teacher.

- I will not bring a Smart Watch to school because I am not allowed to wear one during the school day.

- I will not sign up to online services until I am old enough.