



During a live lesson pupils can communicate with the class teacher using the chat function or raising their hand. They can access these using the buttons in Teams.



As you may be aware we have the opportunity to access a small number of laptops from the government to support our pupils with remote learning. We have distributed the first delivery and are waiting for a second delivery. If your child is having issues with remote learning and you think they would benefit from the loan of a school laptop for lockdown please contact your child's Pastoral Leader. The details for contacting each Pastoral Leader are on the home page of the school website.

The government has been working with mobile network providers to provide a temporary increase in mobile data for pupils who meet one of their three criteria:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

The school can request mobile data increases for pupils. If you meet one of these criteria and would like to apply please email [homeworkGES@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:homeworkGES@midlandat.co.uk) and we will be in contact to discuss your application.

We take every opportunity we can to discuss our STAR values of Self-discipline, Tenacity, Ambition and Responsibility. During lockdown we will continue to celebrate pupils' success with our weekly STAR awards in the bulletin and on our twitter accounts. The main school twitter account is @GeorgeEliotSch. If you have any examples of your child's school work or other activities that you would like to share please contact us on the school twitter or email to [homeworkGES@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:homeworkGES@midlandat.co.uk). We love to see all the wonderful things that pupils are learning in school lessons and at home.

If pupils have any issues accessing their live lessons or their Teams folders, please send an email to [homeworkGES@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:homeworkGES@midlandat.co.uk) so that we can offer technical and/or work support.

Yours sincerely

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