



## **Introduction of the 1:1 program and the use of Chromebooks and Android tablets in conjunction with Google Apps for Education as an integral part of the teaching and learning at Freedom Christian School.**

Freedom Christian School utilizes “Google Apps for Education” for both students and teachers. This system, powered by Google, provides Gmail to our school, as well as a suite of other Google products such as Google Docs and Google Classrooms that enables us to better communicate, share, collaborate, and interact with the world around us.

We offer Google Apps because it represents an effective and up-to-date approach to new curriculum and learning. These tools support the high levels of collaboration that are required in today’s classrooms to prepare students with communication and collaboration skills for life.

### **What’s included in Google Apps?**

- Gmail provides email storage with extra security including restricted incoming and outgoing email access. Emails by pupils are restricted to within Freedom Christian School. These email communications are monitored and recorded.
- Google Calendar enables us to create and share school or class calendars with events which can be subscribed to by parents/guardians to receive automatic updates.
- Google Docs allows students to create and share documents, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings and forms. This also allows students to work together on projects simultaneously.
- Google Classrooms makes it easy to manage all of their coursework, collaborate, communicate with instructors, and receive assessment in a single location.
- Also included is Google Video for restricted video distribution, as well as other tools that can be added on to the FCS account.

### **What are the benefits of Google Apps and what’s included?**

- Ease of access. Pupils can access Google Apps at anytime, anywhere. It is designed to work in any browser (Google Chrome, IE, Firefox etc.) and on any computer. This enables access to your email, calendars, and documents from school or at home.

- Online storage means that no flash drives (memory sticks etc.) are required with documents and files stored in Google Drive.
- Students can easily collaborate with students from other classes, buildings, schools, even different countries, working together on group projects.
- During collaborative work teachers can monitor progress of each child and provide instant written feedback visible to the group or to the individual. This enhances teaching and learning and provides accurate assessment
- Students can develop an online portfolio of work throughout their years at the school.
- Through the use of Alma, Google Classrooms, calendars, and email, parents can stay informed about the latest assignments and activities.

Parental Permission: In order to keep you informed and also to comply with data protection legislation and Google's Terms of Service, we are required to get parental permission before creating accounts for students ([GAFE Agreement](#)) within the FCS Google Apps service:

- There will be no advertisements.
- All email communication and comments within collaborative work are monitored.
- Work uploaded to Google Drive remains the property of the creator, it is not copied or kept by Google if it is removed by the creator.

### **User Access**

Students will be shown how to use Google Apps during student orientation. They will be provided with unique usernames and passwords. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to explore Google Apps with their children by logging in together and accessing their school work stored in Google Apps. Students will follow school policies for appropriate use when using Google Apps. The service is an extension of the school's own network. Students know that the school has the right and ability to monitor user accounts for policy and e-safety purposes.

### **Devices**

A list of compatible devices can be provided upon request. Once the device is acquired every device will be managed by Freedom Christian School and will be pre-configured with student specific user name and passwords, as well as the apps that they will be utilizing in their classrooms. In the event that a student is no longer attending FCS for any reason, the devices will be deprovisioned and will function as any unmanaged Chrome/Android device.

**Summary for Parents**

Google Apps for Education is an essential part of the curriculum for all subjects, and students without parental permission will be unable to participate in any lessons across the curriculum using Google Apps. All email communication is archived and the school's Acceptable Use Policy will be enforced. School staff will monitor the use of Google Apps when students are at school. Parents/Guardians are responsible for monitoring their child's use of the internet and applications when accessing them from home. Students are responsible for their own behavior at all times.

\*This form can also be found on the school website on the *1:1 program page*.

For your children,

Mr. Jeriah Coller, *IT Coordinator*

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**I give permission for my child to use Google Apps for Education and a managed Chrome/Android Device as part of the School Curriculum.**

Parent/Guardian

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_