



Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents of Year 1 to 6,

Microsoft Teams – our new online learning platform

I hope this finds you all well. It's hard to believe that it is October already! I am writing today with an exciting update on our use of **Microsoft Teams for homework** and in the event of any school closure for a large group of children – here's hoping the latter won't apply! We will no longer be using Google Classroom.

Following lockdown and with a focus here at school on teacher assessment and settling the children back in, until now we have not set formal homework and only spellings and reading have been set. From today, children will be set English and Maths homework every Friday (published at 9am). You should treat the deadline as Thursday evening (although it is technically set to close at 9am on Friday). Teachers will post answers to the previous week's work each Friday so that you and your child can assess their understanding together. Teachers will check that children have completed these tasks and children who have not done so will complete this during breaktime on Friday. Of course we understand that there may be extenuating circumstances on occasion and ask that parents alert the class teacher if this is the case. As with last year, at the beginning of each half term there will also be some optional activities linked to the children's topic.

We were so impressed with how well the children engaged with their online classrooms during lockdown and therefore all homework will now be set in this way. Furthermore, we want to ensure that we are environmentally friendly and reduce the amount of paper we send home. Early Years will continue to use Tapestry hence this letter is not applicable to Reception and Nursery. At the bottom of this letter you will find some key instructions for accessing and completing homework.

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the school office email (office@barrowhedges.com).

Kind regards,

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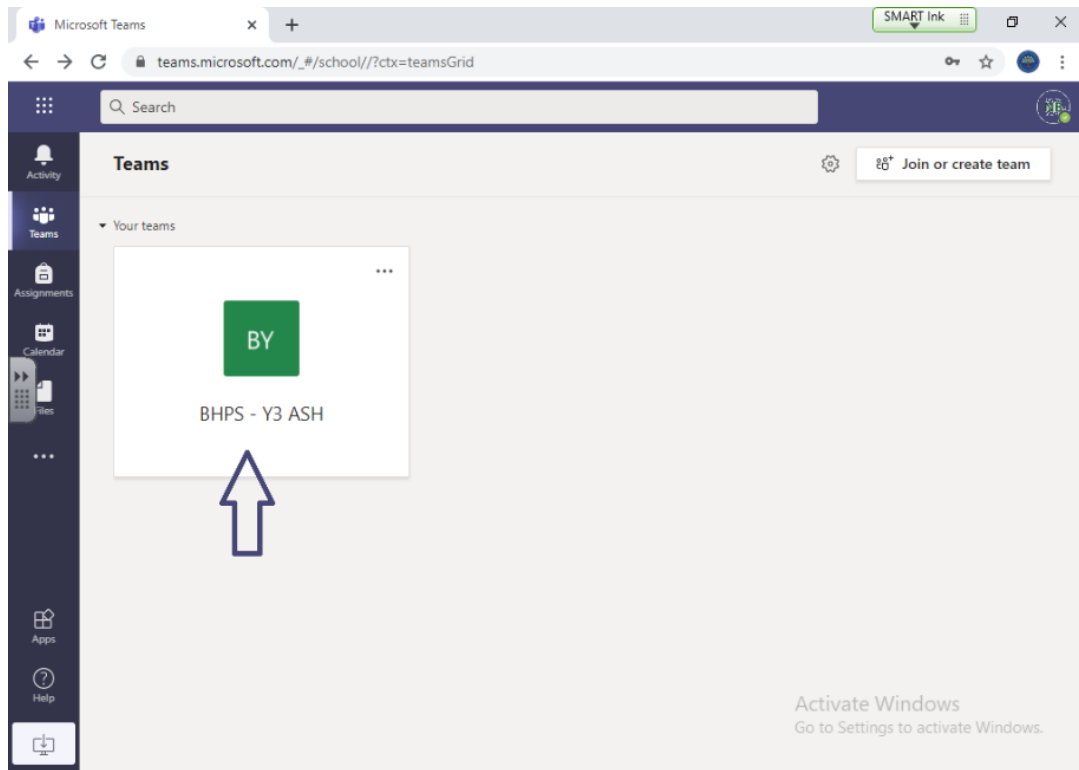
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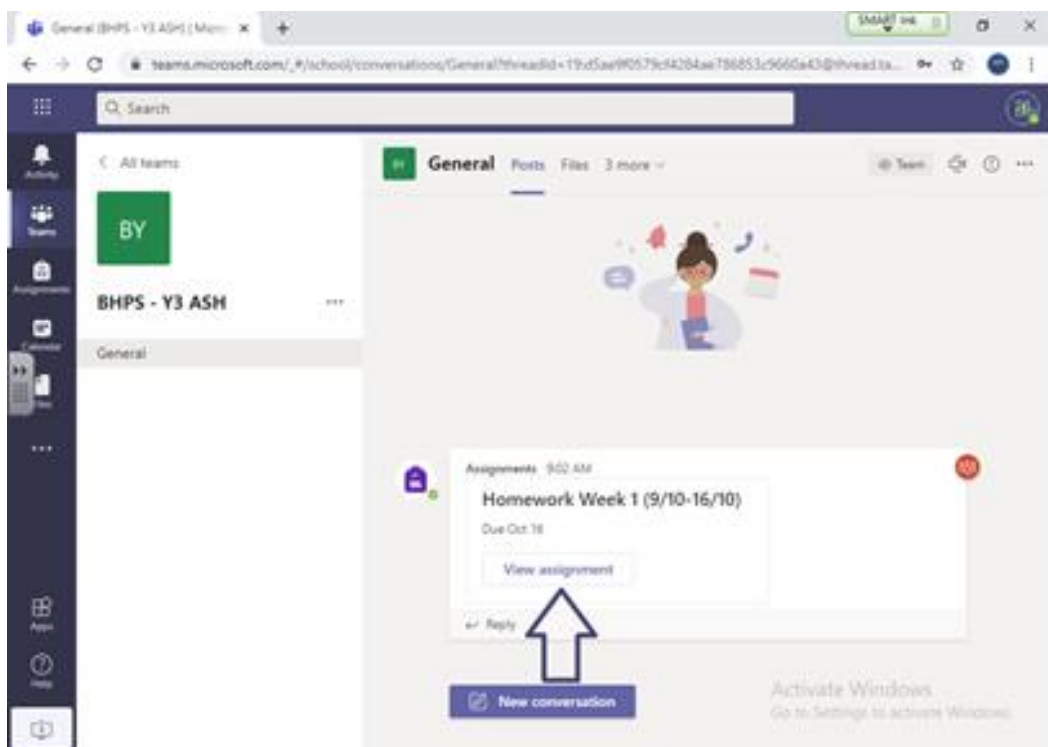


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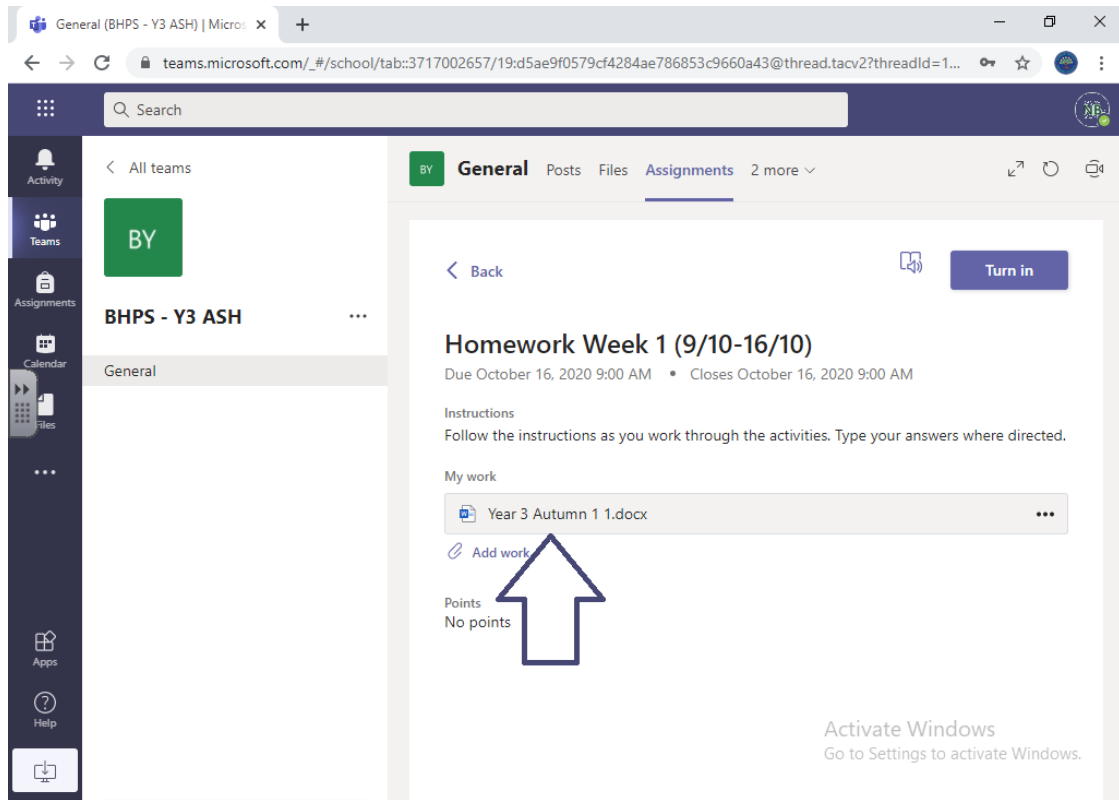
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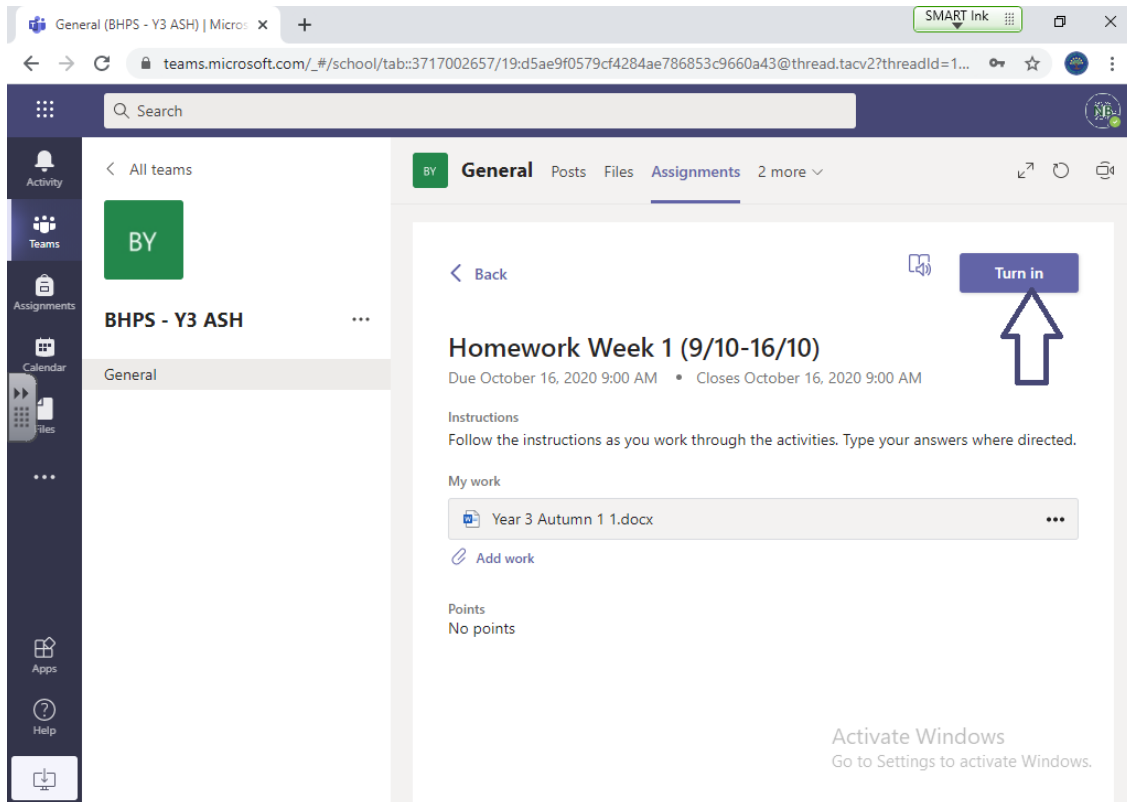
When you enter your team, the assignment should be displayed for you – click 'view assignment'



Open the homework task



Complete the task online. Any edits you make will save automatically. Once you have completed the task, select 'turn in'



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