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Dear Parents/carers,

Our teachers have been working extremely hard to continue to explicitly teach and guide your children's learning & understanding of key skills/facts in many different ways.

As it seems likely that we will be continuing with our new 'virtual schooling' for now, at least over the next few weeks and possibly longer, we would like to politely remind parents/carers about the need for appropriate and safe 'zoom' and other learning platform use.

These are the steps that school staff have in place to safeguard your children whilst participating in zoom and other live lessons:

- * Teachers have the highest level of privacy settings available applied to their zoom accounts
- * Children cannot enter a zoom or other platform lesson without being accepted in by the teacher
- * The teacher has control to 'mute' all the children without them being able to unmute themselves
- * The teacher will record sessions to ensure the safeguarding protection for our pupils.
- * The teacher can remotely remove a child/pupil from a live lesson if there is inappropriate behaviour
- * Only the teacher can share their screen
- * All lessons have encrypted invites, unique meeting IDs as well as secure passwords
- * No file sharing is permitted
- * All children can be 'muted' on entry into the zoom lesson with only the mic enabled for the teacher and teaching assistant (as from next week) until the lesson has been introduced, then the children will have their mic enabled too.

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This is what we also request of children, parents/carers during live zoom lessons to ensure its safety for all:

- * Children should be suitably dressed at all times and be in ear-shot of a parent/carer
- * Children should ideally be situated in an area of the house where they can concentrate with little distraction
- * Parents/carers should be mindful that 'background noise' including their own conversations, is picked up on the child's mic for everyone to clearly hear - foul language is strictly forbidden and will result in your child being removed from the live lesson, causing upset to all.
- * Children should follow the same behaviour expectations as are in place in school lessons.

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Please understand that none of our virtual learning strategies, including our daily home schedules, zoom lessons etc. are compulsory. They are simply there to support you and your child during this difficult period. This is a very new challenge for us all and one in which we have had to adapt too quickly. We are listening to your feedback and constantly tweaking our strategies; if there is any further support you or your child needs, please get in touch through Google Classroom in the first instance or by emailing the school.

In the meantime, stay safe and stay alert.

The very best of wishes,

Mr Collins

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