



Brighstone C.E Aided Primary School

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Zoom and virtual meetings

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to share with you some information about the use of Zoom in school in this current situation.

Use of Zoom during Collective Worship

Due to the fact that we can't mix bubbles, Collective Worship involving the whole school can't take place in the hall. Therefore, the arrangements for whole school CW will be:

- A member of staff will lead CW in the hall for one of the bubbles
- The other bubbles will access the same CW virtually from their classrooms
- Swap each CW to enable all bubbles to have the opportunity to access an interactive CW in the hall

Use of Zoom as part of the curriculum

As part of the curriculum, there will be the opportunity to meet visitors, as is usually the case. However, due to the current restrictions, meeting these visitors may take place virtually through Zoom. I know that the teachers are busy making arrangements for their classes to meet their class namesakes either in person or via Zoom, which is very exciting!

Use of Zoom for remote learning

As a school, we have to have in place contingency plans for remote learning in the case of a local lockdown or if a bubble or individual child has to self-isolate. Therefore, to enable the class teacher and LSA to keep in touch with the children and provide online lessons, virtual meetings will need to take place, which will involve Zoom.

To enable all of the above to happen, we would like to ask your permission for your child to be involved in Zoom calls as part of the class or when taking part in remote learning. A member of staff will always be present for all Zoom calls, and the protocol will be observed at all times (the ground rules are on the back of the risk assessment which is attached along with this letter). If there are any safeguarding concerns, the call will be ended straight away.

To give your permission, either:

- Return the attached permission slip by Monday 7th September OR
- Email the school detailing your permission for each of the numbered bullet points below, by Monday 7th September.

If you have any questions or would like us to explain anything in more detail, please don't hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

Mrs Lennon
Headteacher

Zoom Ground Rules and Consent

Name of child:.....

Year group:.....

1. I give permission for my child to take part in in-school Zoom calls with the class as part of Collective Worship
2. I give permission for my child to take part in external Zoom calls with the class when meeting visitors
3. I give permission for my child to take part in external Zoom calls from home as part of remote learning
4. I have read and understand the risk assessment and ground rules for Zoom calls

Signature of parent/guardian:.....