



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

Further information relating to our whole class 'Zoom' meetings

We are so excited about seeing the children in our whole class sessions later this week and the staff have been working away to see how they will organise the sessions to have as much fun as possible!

Although it has become a very popular and well used social platform, we are aware that 'Zoom' did receive some negative attention in the press, particularly earlier on in lockdown. This was due to hackers being able to access and enter meetings without permission and I believe that Zoom has since tightened up on their security measures. However, it is important to note that all technology involves some element of risk and so I thought it would be useful to share some of the measures we are taking to keep our class sessions as secure as possible. I am afraid we cannot guarantee complete security with any platform that we choose to use but are doing everything we can to ensure we protect the session as much as we can. If, however, you do feel that you would prefer not to take part due to any concerns you may have, please remember that the session is not compulsory and it is parental choice as to whether the children take part.

Security measures:

- Each session requires a password to join and parents have been asked not to make passwords public.
- Participants will enter a 'waiting room' and can only enter the main session when admitted by the host.
- The session will have multiple staff members present, one of whom is solely responsible for monitoring participants.
- If there is any indication that the session has been compromised, the host will immediately end the meeting for all.
- The session is being recorded.
- Only the host will be able to share anything on their screen.
- The session will be 'locked' 2 minutes after it has started so please be prompt!
- We are asking all participants to be mindful of communication, clothing choice and setting when joining.
- There must also be no filming, photographing or taking screenshots of the session in any way.
- There must be a supervising adult present on screen at all times.

Additional steps we need you to take:

- When joining the meeting, you will be asked to type in a joining name. Please complete this with your child's first and last name. This will allow us to be clear on who is accessing the session when we are admitting participants but will also make it easier for the host to speak to everyone.
- Ensure you arrive to the meeting on time to avoid being locked out.

I have been asked to pass on some specific requests in order for the children to be fully prepared for their sessions:

- Children in Reception and Nursery can bring a 'show and tell' if they wish. More information about this will be passed on in a Tapestry message.
- Children in Years 1-6 may need a piece of paper and something to write with.

Please contact us via the homework or office email if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey