



Zoom Information for Parents

Here is some help and advice on joining your child's Class Zoom meeting.

What is Zoom?

Zoom is a video conferencing tool that allows multiple users to have a meeting online, it is free to use. Before you can be part of a Zoom meeting you will need to install Zoom on your computer, device or smart phone. This is free to do and you can find a download for every type of device here: <https://zoom.us/download>. It's important that your device has a camera and a microphone.

How to join a Zoom meeting

- You do not need to create an account on Zoom.
- You will be shared a link and a meeting ID from the meeting host (your child's class teacher) via your class email address.
- The easiest way to join the meeting is to click on the link in the email, or you can join the meeting using the ID and password.

(Please do not share any meeting ID in any public forum or on social media, or with anyone outside our school family).

Our Zoom Rules

This is supposed to be a fun experience for your child but in Zoom meetings, just like in class discussions, we have a few simple rules to keep everyone safe and make sure everyone enjoys themselves:

- try to join the meeting from a neutral location like the living room (not the bedroom and definitely not the bathroom!);
- be kind and respectful to everyone in your speech and actions;
- make sure you (and everyone in your house who might appear on screen) is fully dressed;
- try and avoid background noise as much as you can (e.g. turn the tv off).

We will try and use the 'raise hand' feature to take it in turns to speak. Your teacher can mute everyone and unmute children one at a time if it all gets too noisy!

Zoom allows you to 'chat' by typing in a box and to give 'reactions' to other people such as thumbs up and clapping. The same rules about being kind apply to these actions, too.

We need your consent

Would you please give consent for your child to attend the class zoom meeting by sending a quick message to your child's class teacher? Thank you.

Safety

For safety, all children should be supervised by a household adult. You should not appear on camera, but should be close enough to hear and see what your child is doing and hearing.

If you want to find out more about Zoom, these links might be useful.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/zoom/>

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-zoom>

More help is available on the Zoom website

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806>

