



### **Live Streamed sessions:**

There is no requirement on schools to deliver Live Stream Sessions. While somewhat effective for older children, they are less effective for younger children.

### **Audience: Parents, Staff and Governors:**

Schools are required to be aware of Safeguarding issues around the use of remote learning tools and associated tools within these features. These should be shared with all stakeholders.

Department for Education approved platforms: Google GSuite for Education (Google Classroom) and Microsoft Teams.

### **Safeguarding:**

GSuite for Education and TEAMS are both educational platforms and therefore have additional security layers built in which other platforms, such as Zoom, do not have.

To access these live sessions, you need to have a domain name which is a part of the organisation's domain - pre-assigned user of the organisation.

External invitations have to be personally invited and granted permissions.

This does not mean that they are risk free tools to use.

Different devices and age of devices can leave some users more susceptible and vulnerable. Again, this is more prevalent on non-educational devices.

### **Known Issues in all schools:**

**1. Hacked Sessions:** This is significant concern when using Zoom, a non-educational platform with known safety concerns.

Common and re-occurring theme, especially when using non-education platforms such as Zoom.

Weekly occurrences of sessions being hacked and lessons disrupted.

There have been several incidents (local schools) **this week** where live sessions have been hacked.

Abusive and inappropriate behaviours have been displayed.

### **2. Disrupted Sessions:**

Common occurrence across schools nationwide both in primary and secondary schools. Inappropriate behaviour of children. Where children are unsupervised, the risk is increased.

*Technical issues - sessions being disrupted due to access, strength of wifi and general demand on internet usage as well as restrictions caused by waiting turns to speak.*

### 3. Photographs and recordings of sessions:

There have been many incidents regarding this in schools nationwide and locally.

### 4. Unknown people in the sessions:

People sitting in on sessions who have not identified themselves as being present. Inappropriate conversations have then been audible over the 'live' session.

### 5. Students re-accessing the live stream after they have ended and everyone has left the session:

Students have re-accessed sessions using the code after the session has ended. This leaves the people in there at increased risk as it is an unsupervised session. This is a known issue across Google Meet.

### 6. Where to record the session:

**National guidance** is that staff should not be undertaking live sessions from home.

This poses an additional logistical issue for school.

### 7. Inappropriate dress wear being worn on sessions:

Dress wear which advertises inappropriate content - visual or text.

Revealing dress wear.

### 8. Invasion of privacy / dignity (embarrassment)

When using 'live' streams, you are providing a window for people to see inside your house.

For some, this can cause anxiety and worries about a host of issues.

### **What Schools can do to alleviate these issues:**

#### 1. Hacked Sessions:

Use an approved platform with known additional layers of security to reduce the risk of this happening - Google Meet.

#### 2. Disrupted Session:

Appropriate Adult (17 years of age and above) must be present in the session. They will not need to be on screen other than to introduce themselves in the session.

The adult can also support their child with any technical issues.

The number of children in each session to be more manageable so that there is reduced waiting time and therefore the children have more opportunities to speak and engage in the lesson.

We will require the cameras to be turned on. An appropriate adult will need to be present in the session. They will not need to be on screen other than to introduce themselves in the session.

Alexa and other such devices (Smart Speakers) must be turned off. Ideally, they should not be in the same room or at least be a safe distance away from the laptop/tablet so that they won't turn on during this session.

Children and appropriate adults **must not** screenshot, take pictures (camera/phone) or audio/video record the sessions. Where school believes this has occurred, we will have no choice but to report this in line with Safeguarding Policies. Further participation will be rescinded and an alternative form of communication considered.

Where staff feel that pictures and / or recordings have taken place, they have a right to refuse to engage in this form of delivery - **there is no statutory requirement for 'live' streaming to take place.**

School will not be recording the sessions as this is a breach of GDPR.

#### 4. Unknown people in the sessions:

Microphones must be set to off (nationally used across all schools).

As the sessions are at specific times, please ensure there is minimal 'foot flow' through the session. Other adults should not stay in the session.

#### 5. Students re-accessing the live stream after they have ended and everyone has left the session:

This is a recently found flaw in Google Meet. It looks as though Google have solved this in their settings options now for the host.

\* Appropriate adult to sign out of the session for their child.

\* School staff to amend the settings - this should mean that the host has to be in first before anyone else can - need to check and monitor this.

#### 6. Where to record the session:

All sessions to be streamed in school and in an appropriate room - class room, HTs office, Starlight Room.

Camera for all should be a portrait image, shoulders and above.

*Logistical Issue + external safeguarding Several staff members are unable to stream from home.*

#### 7. Inappropriate dress wear being worn on sessions:

Pyjamas must not be worn for the sessions.

Clothing not to advertise any inappropriate messages or images.

Cameras to be set from shoulders upwards to further alleviate any potential concerns here.

#### 8. Invasion of privacy / dignity (embarrassment)

Live streamed sessions must not be conducted in bedrooms. You need to find a quiet space, free from background images where you can.

It is easy to set a background in Google Meet. Please select a sensible and appropriate background.