

Remote and Home Learning Policy for Schools

Introduction

At Nunthorpe Primary Academy We have produced the following policy guidance in continuing to provide education via remote learning for our children due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

Our expectations of children, staff and parents are clearly described in the detail below in order to ensure that everyone understands that the safeguarding and well-being of our children in receiving a full and thorough education remains paramount.

Please ensure that you have read the Policy in full. Due to Covid-19 safety measures, this policy will be distributed by email or hard copy if email is not available. By using 'Teams' you accept the terms of this policy.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to describe the use of live streaming applications by schools.

Live streaming is being used in the event of an adult or child becoming unwell with Covid-19 meaning a 'bubble' at school must self-isolate and work must be undertaken remotely at home or in the case of a school or national lockdown. This policy will explain the applications we, as a school, have chosen, how it will be used safely and the expectations of all those who use the application will also be made clear.

Application

At Nunthorpe Primary Academy we have decided to use Microsoft TEAMS. We have chosen this application because it best meets the needs of our school and in conjunction with our network provider.

Microsoft TEAMS- Full guidance and joining instructions for Microsoft Teams in appendix 1.

We have made the decision to keep the 'Chat' functionality so that teachers can communicate directly with individual pupils. Pupils will be instructed how to use the platform safely, sensibly and securely.

It is our expectation that as users of the application both children and staff should report any additional problems directly to the Headteacher or Designated Safeguarding Lead around the functionality of this application.

Live Streaming

Live Streaming will always be carried out within the class Team and any other access will not be authorised.

Filtering and Monitoring

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safeguarding of both of our children and staff, the use of the application will be heavily monitored by our ICT lead/department to ensure that any inappropriate use or problems are reported and rectified as soon as possible.

Please ensure that you report any identified issues immediately.

Equipment

The functionality of the application will be disabled or enabled by the school/ controller/ administrator at the source irrespective of using the school's equipment or your own laptop/computer. Whether you are using your own equipment or the school's equipment we will still seek your agreement to follow and adhere to our schools, 'acceptable use' Policy which highlights clear expectations of the use of equipment.

Please ensure that you sign appropriate consent forms.

If you require a laptop/ iPad from school please contact us and we will endeavour to help.

Expectations of Children

At Nunthorpe Primary Academy the following expectations are in place and should be signed and agreed by you or your parent/carer on your behalf before any remote learning is provided.

- I will use the equipment and application safely and appropriately at all times.
- I will report any issues of concerns directly to my parent/teacher/school.
- I will be available for my log in and lesson between the hours of 09:30 – 15:00
- I will be dressed appropriately.
- I will turn my web camera on and my microphone on to mute and I will not mute other participants.
- I will not record the session or cause it to be recorded.
- I will seek help from the teacher through TEAMS
- I will not have any other person present during the session, except for a parent/carer who is responsible for my supervision in the family home.
- I will not start a meeting unless instructed to by my teacher.

Expectations of Parents/Carer

At Nunthorpe Primary Academy the following expectations are in place and should be signed and agreed by you as a parent/carer before any remote learning is provided.

- I will support my child in using the equipment and application safely and appropriately at all times.
- I will be available for the supervision of my child and not for observation of the lesson.
- I will not record the session or cause it to be recorded.
- I will not distract, sabotage or detract from my child's learning during the session.
- I will not use the school equipment for any other purpose other than specified lesson time
- I understand that the school will take action if they have any concerns regarding mine or my child's behaviour or inappropriate use of the equipment.
- I agree to comply with the school's acceptable use policy as well as this remote and home learning policy.

Expectations of Staff

At Nunthorpe Primary Academy the following expectations are in place for staff and are adhered to in conjunction with the school's staff behaviour policy/code of conduct:

- I will use the equipment and application safely and appropriately at all times.
- I will follow the expectations of our school's staff behaviour policy at all times.
- I will be appropriately dressed and in a non-identifiable teaching space throughout the session.
- Where possible two members of staff will be on the live streaming at all times.
- I will provide online learning between 09:30 – 15:00
- I will not record the session or if there is a reason too I will notify all parents and pupils of this, the purpose and where the recording or any data will be stored.
- I will adhere to GDPR guidelines to maintain the data protection of all information regarding the children I am educating.
- I will report any concerns directly to the Head Teacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- I agree to comply with the school's acceptable use policy as well as this remote and home learning policy.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the School's:

Child Protection Policy

Staff Behaviour Policy

Acceptable Use Policy

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020

Useful links and publications:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Consent Form Parents/Pupils

By using 'Teams' I agree to comply with the school's acceptable use policy.

By using 'Teams' I agree to comply with the school's remote and home learning policy.

By using 'Teams' I agree to use the application and equipment (either school's or my own) appropriately and safely at all times.

To reduce the amount of paperwork transferring from home to school and vice versa, signatures will be collected when Covid-19 safety measures are lifted

Name of child..... Signature of child.....

Name of parent..... Signature of parent.....

Date.....20.10.20.....

Reviewed Autumn 2020

Date of next review Autumn 2022

Consent Form Staff

By using 'Teams' I agree to comply with the school's acceptable use policy.

By using 'Teams' I agree to comply with the school's remote and home learning policy.

By using 'Teams' I agree to use the application and equipment appropriately and safely at all times.

Please respond 'read' to the email and policy attachment to comply.

Date 20.10.20