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Dear Parents

Safeguarding – please be aware and monitor Zoom sessions

We know that some families are using Zoom as a way for children to keep in touch with their friends. It is lovely for children to keep in touch with their friends and have a chat however we just want to make sure that you are aware that there have been examples of trolls invading zoom and posting abuse in cases of ‘zoombombing’.

The Times Educational Supplement (TES) has reported that ‘zoombombing’ involves online trolls gaining access to other people’s conferences and using the app’s screen-sharing feature to post disturbing content.

Teachers have been advised not to conduct live-streamed lessons by the NEU teaching union, this is for a variety of reasons but online safety is clearly one of them.

In school the information and access is using school and NCC controlled applications and software so we can be assured use of technology is safe, unfortunately outside the school environment use of publicly available applications and software can have huge public privacy implications and potentially uncontrolled safeguarding complexities.

We are not trying to frighten you with this information but to make you aware so that you can monitor your children’s sessions on Zoom and other online activities to keep them safe.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

Ken D’Rosario
Chair of Governors

