

Safeguarding Protocols for Remote Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

Safeguarding is our highest priority at Sandhills School.

As we venture into a new and likely sustained phase of blended teaching and learning, with pupils learning remotely, we are sharing our safeguarding protocols with you. These include:

- Staff and children must wear **suitable clothing**, as should anyone else in the household, when participating in any Meets.
- Any devices and computers used should be in appropriate areas, **with an adult nearby**.
- Where possible, a **neutral background** should be used. Google backgrounds are absolutely fine, as long as they are not changed during Meets when children should be concentrating.
- Live meetings will be kept to a **reasonable length of time**, depending on the age of the children.
- Children will only be able to join a meet link once there is a teacher in the meeting.
- Staff will ensure that all children 'leave' Meets before leaving themselves.
- **Language must be appropriate**, including any family members in the background.
- There should be no inappropriate content on any of our video calls. Please contact the school if you are concerned about any of the content of a Meet.
- Pupils who add **inappropriate content to the stream** (including reams of unnecessary symbols) may have their permission to add comments revoked for a determined period of time. If this happens, they will still be able to submit work and respond to feedback from their teacher.
- Pupils who add **inappropriate content to the chat during a Meet** (including reams of unnecessary symbols) may have their permission to add comments revoked for a determined period of time. If this happens, they will still be able to submit work and respond to feedback from their teacher.
- Please encourage children to get into the habit of **muting when they join a Meet** and only unmute when requested to do so.
- **Pupils will not be allowed to share their screens in Meets**. If the child has something they would like to share with the class, they can send it to the teacher (whether this is a screenshot, document, photo etc.) and the teacher can choose to share it themselves if appropriate.
- If a **1-1 Meet** is arranged, teachers will ensure another adult is present before continuing.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Sandhills Community Primary School