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Dear Parents and Carers,

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As you will be aware, the children in year 5 are currently working as performers and have been actively involved in sharing ideas amongst their group in numerous zoom sessions over the last week. We would love the children to be even more involved in collaborative opportunities with their peers to enable a more independent and proactive way of working whilst at home.

We understand that some members of the year group are already talking on the telephone and via online gaming, which as a school we are happy to see, but we must stress that these points of communication are to be monitored by parents and cannot be monitored or accountability be held by staff members of the school. In addition to this, we would like to offer the opportunity for children to hold their own Zoom sessions between themselves in order to progress with their projects or to catch up with their friends. If this is something you are happy to monitor with your child, then an account on Zoom is very easy to create by yourselves. The children can then pass their room codes and passwords between themselves and they can organise their own times to communicate.

We understand how the children are finding it difficult without seeing each other at the moment and we feel that not only will this opportunity be beneficial to their independent collaborative learning, it will also give them the freedom to communicate without time limits set within school time.

As stated earlier, these sessions wouldn't be monitored or any accountability be held with the school with regards to the conduct in the sessions and we hope that the children would adhere to our honesty, respect and kindness pledge at all times. Can I also remind everyone about our protocol Zoom meetings. Please be in an open space, wear suitable clothing and the children should always let an adult know if they are on line.

The children are welcome to share their zoom timings on Seesaw, which staff can highlight for particular groups but staff will be unable to attend their meetings.

An important point to add is about the usage of the TikTok App. We understand that it can be a fun way to express themselves but as it is a legal requirement to be over 13 years of age to be able to use the app, we cannot promote the use of it within our home learning and all TikTok references will be removed from Seesaw. We are sorry if this causes any offence.

If there are any questions, please feel free to ask the Year 5 team.

Kind regards

Jo and Sam

