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EBS NEWS

INSPIRED TO CARRY ON

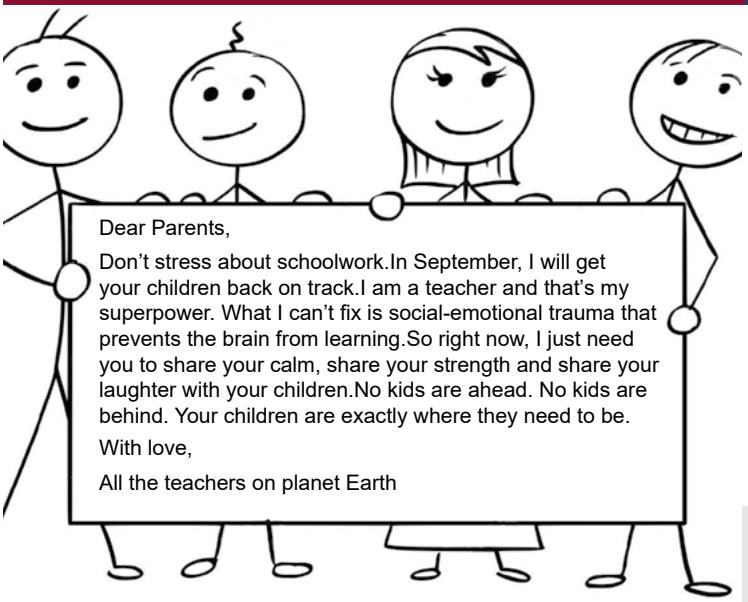
Parents, carers and students,

I have been, like many of you I am sure, completely inspired by Captain Tom Moore. He has become a beacon of hope in these challenging times. He reminded us that 'the sun will shine on us again and the clouds will go away'. A poignant moment for me was during the RAF flypast when Captain Tom's arm shot up in pride and when he told us that he was one of the few people to see the Spitfires flying in anger, and he was able to see them flying peacefully. The hope and unity that Captain Tom brought to our lives by raising over 30 million for the NHS has been heartwarming to watch. It called me to reflect on our school; despite being apart physically, we are always united as a community and the children, as always, are an unconditional source of hope. They are the reason we do we what we do and we will always strive to do our best for them. Although it has been a very different start to the summer term, I hope that the students will continue to show commitment, develop new skills and become more self-reliant. We will continue to do all that we can in the circumstances to provide for them and we are always here for you as families if you need us.

Please do stay at home so we can all keep safe and save lives.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

A SMALL NOTE TO PARENTS AND CARERS



CAN YOU HELP? PTFA LASER-CUTTER APPEAL

Over the past few weeks, EBS has been making face-mask extenders to help front-line staff in the NHS – but we need a new laser cutter to make even more! Are you able to help? If so, please:

- Donate £5 - text the word EBSPTFA to 70970
- Donate £10 - text the word EBSPTFA to 70191
- Or visit www.easydonate.org/EBSPTFA to donate any amount - every little helps!

If you are a UK tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation and HMRC will add 25% at no cost to you!

When school is back to normal, the £10,000 cutter will continue to be used in D&T lessons by all our students.

THANK YOU from EBS and the front-line staff of the NHS!

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

Thank you for the questions and feedback. EBS will provide a response to queries by the 22nd May.

WE MISS YOU & WANTED TO SAY HI! CLICK BELOW - YOU MAY NEED TO LOGIN TO ONEDRIVE!

EAST BARNET SCHOOL "I want to learn"

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE IF THEY USE HOUSEPARTY, ZOOM OR NETFLIX

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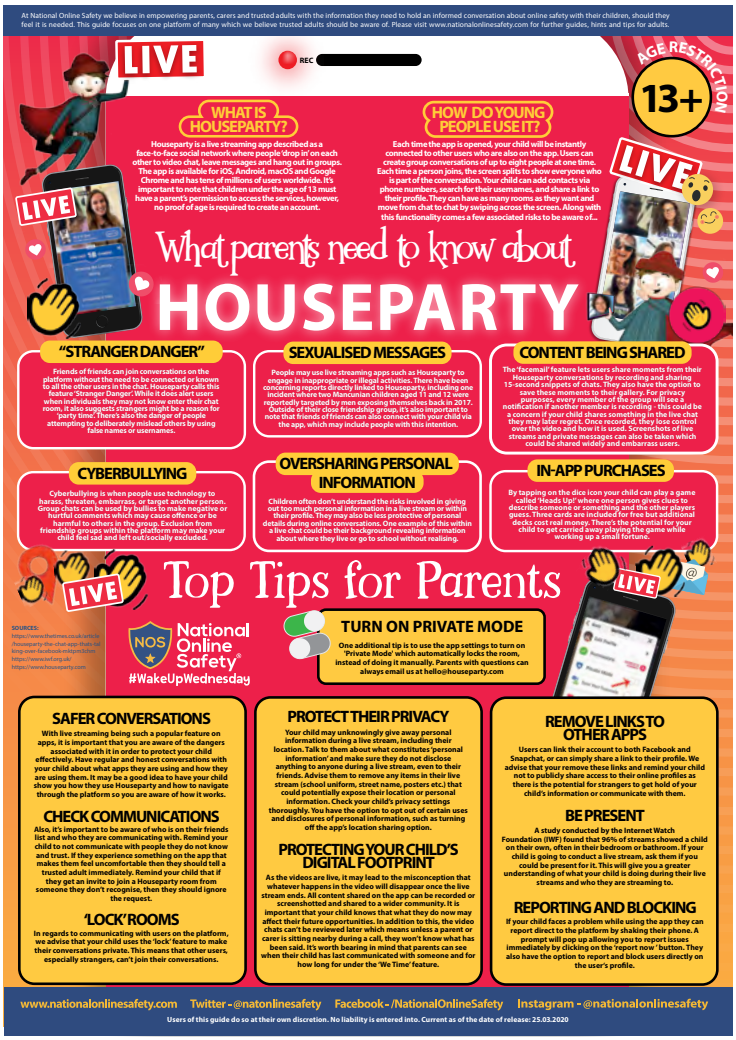

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Founded in 2011, Zoom is one the world's leading video conferencing software providers. It has a number of features, including video and audio conferencing, real-time messaging, screen-sharing and the ability to upload, share and search for content. Users can start their own meetings or they can join meetings set up by others. The app is available to use across PCs, laptops, tablets and mobiles phones and is free to download on both the app store and on Android.

What parents need to know about
ZOOM

ZOOM BOMBING
'Zoom bombing' is the term which has been coined to describe unauthorised people joining zoom meetings uninvited and broadcasting pornographic or inappropriate videos. An attacker can hijack a meeting if they know the meeting ID and it isn't reinforced with a password. Not taking preventative measures or implementing privacy controls could open up the risk of children witnessing sexual or inappropriate content with very little notice.

RISK OF PHISHING
The rise in popularity of Zoom has led to a rise in hacking operations and phishing campaigns. This is when participants are encouraged to click on links to join what they believe to be legitimate Zoom meetings via email, but which are in fact fraudulent. These scams aim to obtain sensitive information such as user login details, passwords and/or credit card information.

PRIVACY CONCERNS
Depending on how the app has been set-up, Zoom can offer very little privacy. In many cases, the meeting hosts can see detailed information about each participant including their full name, phone numbers and maybe even location data. Furthermore, depending on where the camera has been set up or where your child's computer is positioned, private or personal information could be stolen depending on what can be seen in the background.

LIVE RECORDINGS
One of the features of Zoom is the ability to record live meetings. By default, only the host of the meeting can usually record live sessions however other meeting members can also record if the host gives them access. Recordings can be stored on devices or on the cloud and can be downloaded and shared with no restrictions. This means that videos, audio clips and transcripts of recordings involving your children could be widely shared on the internet or between users without your authorisation or consent.

PRIVATE ZOOM MEETINGS
Zoom has a facility to set up breakout rooms, which enables a private meeting within the main Zoom session. The host can choose to split the participants of the original meeting into separate sessions. This gives children the ability to speak privately away from the main group to other users however chats aren't always monitored by the host and if the meeting has been made public, children could be more vulnerable to experiencing negative comments.

'LIVE STREAMING' RISKS
At its very core, Zoom facilitates live streaming. That means it inevitably carries some of the associated risks that live streaming brings. These are likely to be minimal within a controlled environment (for instance when used in a classroom setting for remote learning). However, live streaming means that content isn't always moderated and children who use the app unsupervised or with limited security settings, may be more at risk of exposure to viewing inappropriate material. Other risks can include downloading malicious links, sharing personal information or even potential grooming.

Safety Tips for Parents

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Remind your child that if they do see something that makes them feel uncomfortable or upset then they need to talk about it and report it. Parents can report unwanted activity, harassment, and cyberattacks to Zoom directly. To help your child, you could try setting up a checklist before they go online, with an agreed set of rules and what they should do if they see something inappropriate.

USER PRIVATE MEETING IDS & PASSWORDS
It is always better to set up a meeting with a random ID number generated by Zoom than by using a personal number. This means it is harder to guess and less likely to be hacked. It's important to never share meeting IDs with anybody you don't know and always set-up a password function to allow other people to sign-in. This should already be a default setting that is applied on Zoom.

PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL DATA
It's important to discuss with your child that they should not share personal information on Zoom. This includes passwords, their address, phone number, etc. Create your child's account under a false name or pseudonym and always set a custom background to help hide details in your home. Zoom allows you to turn on virtual backgrounds and select your own image to appear behind you.

BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS
Every time you or your child gets a Zoom link, it's good practice to ensure it has come from the official platform and is not fraudulent. Signs of a phishing email include an unrecognisable email address, an unofficial domain name or a slightly distorted logo. The email itself might also be poorly written or contain suspicious attachments.

TURN OFF UNNECESSARY FEATURES
If your child is using Zoom, there are a number of features they can turn off to make the experience safer for them. For instance, disabling the ability to transfer files or engaging in private chats can help to limit the risk of receiving any malicious attachments or receiving any inappropriate messages. In addition, you can turn off the camera if it is not needed or mute the microphone when not in use.

USE THE 'VIRTUAL WAITING ROOM FEATURE
The waiting room feature on Zoom means that anybody who wants to join a meeting or live session cannot automatically join and must 'wait' for the host to screen them before entering. This is now a default function and adds another layer of security to reduce the likelihood of zoom bombing.

KEEP YOUR VERSION UPDATED
It's important to ensure you are using the latest version of Zoom available and always update it if you get a prompt. These updates are usually to fix security holes and without the update you will be more vulnerable to an attack. Check the official website to see what the latest version is and compare it to your own.

HOST IMPLEMENTED PRIVACY CONTROLS
If your child is part of a larger group meeting, then it's important to make sure that the host is abiding by Zoom's Terms of Service. This includes the fact that they have gained everybody's permission for the session to be recorded. The host should also have set screen sharing to 'host only' and disabled 'file transfer' to help keep the live stream secure.

Meet our expert
Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.

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ENRICH AND EXTEND YOUR LEARNING

Are you finishing your work early? Do you have spare time to fill during your days? Please take a look at the resources and opportunities below to extend and enrich your learning;

VIRTUAL SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS TALKS

Speakers for Schools are streaming some fascinating talks from a number of leaders in their fields covering a variety of topics from Acting, Journalism and Fake News to Football, Charity and setting up your own business. You can even get involved in the Q&A sessions, which form part of the talks. Please check out some of the really inspirational speakers performing in the upcoming weeks by clicking here.

OXPLORE

Oxplore is an innovative digital outreach portal from the University of Oxford. As the 'Home of Big Questions' it aims to engage 11 to 18 year olds with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and draw on the latest research undertaken at Oxford. Oxplore aims to realise aspirations, promote broader thinking and stimulate intellectual curiosity. Find out more about topics from Archaeology to Zoology and answer questions such as 'Could we end Poverty?' or 'Can War be a good thing?' This truly is a fantastic resource and should be used to extend your learning when perhaps your schoolwork has been completed early. Click here to access the site.

VIDEO MAKING - Divergent Thinking are offering FREE online mobile video-making workshops for young people aged 16-25 years old. 9th or 16th May, plus chance to win £50 worth of vlogging equipment. Click here for more info.