



# MUSWELL HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL: APRIL 2020

## SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER INCLUDING ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

We are passing on some useful information we have received regarding safeguarding together with some other pertinent information.

### SAFEGUARDING

#### Safer use of Zoom

From 5 April 2020, Zoom are making users password protect their meeting room. This is an important first step. Other things to do to protect your Zoom space are:

- Use a new meeting room each time (i.e. don't use the personal meeting ID)
- Don't allow attendees to join before the host
- Mute attendees on joining
- Turn screen sharing off
- Set up a 'waiting room'
- Lock your meeting room after you have started
- Don't publicise your meeting's link on social media
- Don't share the screenshot of everyone, especially when it shows the meeting ID
- Try to have someone whose job it is to 'manage the room' and focus just on doing that
- Tell people what the Plan B is (i.e. if you do have to abort the meeting where will the meeting move to and how can people re-join).

Additionally,

- Avoid sharing personal information
- Turn off your video and microphone, unless it's needed.

#### **Where to find out more about using Zoom and other online technologies**

A company [dottotech](#), has some videos about setting up and using Zoom.

In this video, Steve (founder of the company) works with his wife, a teacher, to look at the main features of Zoom: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9BqPtCcSyHvQsbl2rumM4w>

#### **Twenty Safeguarding Considerations for Remote Teaching and Learning (LGfL)** **Six Top Tips to Keep Primary Kids Safe Online (LGfL)**

LGfL have two really good posters for keeping safe online. You can find them here: <https://coronavirus.lgfl.net/safeguarding>

## **INFORMATION FROM HARINGEY MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM**

The Haringey Mental Health Support Team (MHST) offers emotional wellbeing support to families and schools, as part of the Haringey Trailblazer project. They are usually based in schools, but during this period of school closure, they are still here to help and their team of mental health practitioners have sent up a telephone hot-line. Full details are on the attached document.

## **FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT DIFFICULTIES**

There are many families who may be struggling and who have experienced significant employment difficulties. Therefore, in these difficult times, if you wish to apply for Free School Meal please go to the Haringey website for an application form - link below:

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-application-forms/free-school-meals-fsm-and-clothing-grant>

Additionally, you can apply directly to the benefits team/FSM in the council.

Year 6 parents, please note that you may be eligible for a grant to support your application for clothing in preparation for secondary school. It may be worth making this application now so you will be ready for the summer.

## **LINK TO A FREE BOOK EXPLAINING CORONAVIRUS – SUITABLE FOR 5 TO 9-YEAR-OLDS**

A free information book explaining the coronavirus to children, illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler, is available to download from this link:

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>