

Dear Parents/ Carers

26 January 2021

Our Trust has launched a **'Stay'** initiative to help remind our children why it is important to keep themselves safe, learning and connected.

As part of our **'Stay Connected'** vision, from Monday 1 February we will be enabling the children's camera in MS Teams. This means that the teacher will be able to see the children and we hope the children can see their friends too.

We know that some children may not want to turn their camera on initially as they may be self-conscious and want to wait until they see what other children choose, or what the experience is like. This is perfectly understandable.



We will be encouraging children to turn their camera on for registration and at other points in the lesson, such as when they are speaking, however it is not an expectation that they must turn it on. As their confidence grows, we hope that more children, where they can, will utilise their new functionality to help them **'Stay connected'**.

We will show the children a short video to demonstrate how to use their camera on Friday as well as the expectations of how to use it appropriately. We will then show the children the video again on Monday morning, when camera function has been switched on.

Children should continue to join the live session with their microphone on mute to help with noise control. They are able to turn their microphone on as they have done previously. Switching their camera on and off is as simple as the way they have been using the microphone. We hope the children will be able to adapt smoothly.



We will be asking all children to turn on 'Together mode' so that the background (your family home) is blurred/ changed. This is to ensure that other children cannot see into your family home.



Children who are learning at school will not be able to use their cameras.

We understand that this will be an exciting development for our children, especially as they have not been able to see each other for a number of weeks. However it is important that the children remember that live sessions are learning time and an opportunity for all to engage, we have therefore developed behaviour expectations, detailed below, that we will share with our children.



We hope that as we continue to learn and develop our provision, the children are able to **'Stay learning'** in this period of school closure.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs M Browning
Head of School

Behaviour Expectations for Remote Learning at All Faiths.

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Keep your microphone off at all times unless you are invited to speak. This helps with noise during the lesson to ensure we can all hear each other clearly.
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Use the chat function to ask, or answer questions – no emojis permitted.
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Raise your hand if you want to ask, or answer a question. Wait for an adult to call your name before you speak to ensure that we demonstrate respect for others' ideas and point of view.
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Turn your camera off when the adult tells you. When your camera is on, you must behave like you would at school. The adult will remove you from the lesson if you misuse the camera.
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When your camera is on, your teacher will show you how to change to either together mode or large gallery if and when this is needed.
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Remember, everyone is learning. If your choices impact on the learning of others, you will be removed from the lesson and we will need to speak to your parents/carers.
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When the live lesson is over, hang up and move to your Seesaw learning straight away.



STAY SAFE




STAY LEARNING




STAY CONNECTED