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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, please may I thank you in how quickly you have adapted to remote learning and in supporting us in delivering live lessons to the students at home. The aim is that we will be transitioning over from Zoom to Teams in the coming weeks and we will provide guides for how to do this.

During the live lessons, due to safeguarding issues, many schools insist that cameras and chat function for students are turned off for the duration. However, we recognise that for many of our students at Lighthouse School, being able to see their peers, as well as staff is very important. Therefore, please may we ask that students are not in a bedroom during the live lessons and dressed appropriately (not in pyjamas). If there is nowhere else for the students to work, they can select a 'virtual' background so staff and peers will not be able to see anything else. Please see below for instructions:

1. First, make sure you "Enable" Virtual Backgrounds by going to "Settings" at zoom.us in a web browser
2. Once enabled, open Zoom on your desktop or browser
3. Join a new meeting
4. Once in the meeting, look to the bottom left corner and see an option to "Stop Video." Don't click it! To the right is an upward arrow, "^," click the arrow
5. When clicking the arrow, you will see an option to "Choose virtual background," click that option
6. That will take you to a new window in "Settings" where you can choose from a default background

Unfortunately, if this is not possible, then the student will have to have their camera turned off for the duration of the lesson.

The lessons will also be recorded and stored on the school system, in line with our Data Protection Policy.



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I am aware that many of you have already liaised with your child's teacher with concerns, but if you would rather your child does not participate in live lessons; please could you email Lorna Turner (l.turner@lighthouseschools.co.uk) explaining why. This will allow us to ensure that alternative, appropriate remote learning resources are put in place.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any additional information.

Kind Regards,

Sophie Chidwick

Vice Principal