

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

During this time of school closures, we are working hard on ways to maintain the link between school and home. Although each teacher will be using Seesaw, it is clear that the children may need more social interaction with one another. Zoom provides an opportunity to deliver video and chat-based educational experiences to members via any device. The aim of using Zoom is to provide the children with the social interaction that they are missing while the school remains closed.

If you haven't used Zoom before all the information about joining a meeting and setting up an account can be found at: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>. If using it on an iPhone, iPad or Android, you will need to download the app.

Online safety is of huge importance and we have put together some guidelines to help protect both staff and students, while online. There are guidelines for both parents and children, so please familiarize yourself and the children with each prior to the first meeting. There is also excellent information and guidance for parents by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/explainers/explained-what-is-zoom/>

Each teacher will send the meeting link via Seesaw or email if needed. **This link will only be sent when consent has been given on Aladdin.** Please read all guidelines before giving consent.

We thank you for your cooperation at this time and we look forward to seeing the children next week.