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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Three Saints Academy Trust have opted to use MSTEAMS as our online learning platform, this is one of the three options recommended by the DfE. We are delivering a combination of recorded and live lessons as this provides your child with some direct contact with our staff and their peers. We believe this gives your child the best possible remote learning experience as it supports both their education and mental health and wellbeing.

Just as we do with all our provision, policies and procedures, we are currently in the process of reviewing our remote education offer, hence why our pupils, parents and staff have recently been asked to share their feedback via a survey. This is to ensure our home learning is in line with the very best practice. Part of the review has involved revisiting our risk assessment to further consider and mitigate against the risks of online learning. Below is a summary of the risks and our controls that we would especially like to draw your attention to, but the full risk assessment can be seen attached separately in this email.

	Risk	Control
1	Children are visible to everyone in the meeting	Access to the meeting is limited by the host (member of school staff)
2	Inappropriate background noise	Pupils to remain muted, unless asked to unmute by a member of staff
3	Inappropriate background environment	Backgrounds can be blurred
4	Recordings of lessons can be downloaded	Only downloaded by a member of the meeting
5	Downloaded lessons could be shared beyond the MSTEAMS platform	School do not have control over this, but request that this does not happen.
6	Independent recordings of the screen by another device e.g. hand-held mobile phone	School do not have control over this, but request that this does not happen.

Having conducted the review, in order to continue to give staff the flexibility of allowing pupils to have their cameras on as and when they feel it would benefit the session, we would now like parents to indicate whether or not their child has permission for this.

Having considered both the contents of this letter and our live lesson risk assessment, today please can all parents/ carers opt in or out to their child using their computer camera via their Arbor account. By opting in, children will enjoy the educational and mental health and wellbeing benefits of being seen by our staff and their peers, but this does not mitigate risk 5 or 6 above. Risk 5 and 6 are only controlled when your child's camera is off, but this will limit the effectiveness of some live sessions for your child in term of their educational experience (e.g. teacher's will not be able to make assessment judgements in a Phonics lesson), and it will reduce the positive benefits to mental health and wellbeing.





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Moving forward, any child who does not have their parent's/ carer's permission to have their camera on, should join lessons with their camera off. It remains the responsibility of the adult supervising the child at home, to ensure their camera is turned off.

If you have any further questions, please contact school in the usual way via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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