

6 THINGS FOR PROFESSIONALS TO CONSIDER IF REMOTELY EDUCATING/ SUPPORTING STUDENTS

1 WORK WITHIN POLICIES

Always refer to school policies, particularly ensuring that you adhere to the 'Acceptable Usage Policy' and ensure digital communication with pupils falls in-line with school's 'Safeguarding Policy'



2 SAFER WORKING PRACTICE

Avoid any one to one online tuition to help safeguard children and yourself, in line with safer working practice. Do not use personal devices to contact pupils, only using devices provided by the school



3 ONLINE LESSONS

Consider if the system being used includes an online chat feature and if this can be moderated or turned off. Also consider the security of devices, in particular cameras and microphones and whether these can also be disabled



4 CLEAR BOUNDARIES

It is vital that you use school provided email addresses as data protection laws still apply. It is vital that you establish ground rules; creating safe spaces and highlighting these at the beginning of every session – this should be no different to normal classroom standards of behaviour



5 LIVE STREAMING

If you consider using live-streaming services to educate, exercise caution given requirements for accounts, personal data and privacy questions. Be aware that video can use high levels of mobile data and that staff and pupils aren't incurring surprising costs. There should be careful consideration of the location that everyone uses. For example, there is a possibility that pupils may be in their bedrooms and this may not be appropriate



6 REPORTING CONCERNS

As in any situation report any safeguarding incidents or potential concerns emanating from this form of contact with pupils to your relevant safeguarding lead. It is also essential to remind pupils of who people they can contact within the school for help or support

But also make sure there is support in place for you and that you ensure you find time for yourself also, whatever that may be!!

