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AGE 16+ zoom

Zoom is a video-conferencing platform which allows users in any geographical location to come together in a live streamed virtual meeting space



Up to 100 people can be on a call at one time



Zoom can be used on PC, laptop, or mobile device



You can then connect scheduling a meeting, which creates a link, that you can then send to others to invite them to join the meeting



There are time restrictions on meetings, unless you choose to sign up to a paid subscription



Advice for keeping children & young people safe



Although Zoom is relatively safe, it is still worth considering these measures in order to ensure that everyone is safe....



'Zoom bombing' has been a particular problem & involves a user dropping pornographic, violent, racist or other inappropriate content onto the screen of a video conference. This can be addressed by changing the 'file transfer' and 'screen sharing' options in the settings - both are set to 'on' by default



Consider the environment & what information may be visible in the background that you may not want others to see



Always leave personal details out of your profile



Ask them to always consider how they behave and what they say as they may come to regret it later. Hosts can and do record and save sessions meaning that it could be shared with others



Remind them never to join a meeting or accept a request from someone they don't actually know

As with any 'app', communication platform or online game....

Take time to check it out for yourself and always promote yourself as a source of support and someone to talk to if your child has any concerns

