

Diocese of Waterford & Lismore

Guidelines for Parents / Guardians on the Use of Zoom



Online Safety

We ask you to take the time to discuss online safety with your child before they participate in a Youth Group Zoom Call. Helpful information may be found here: <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>



Digital Wellbeing

Digital wellbeing features are also available for many popular Apps, allowing users to control how much time they spend on that App, see their daily activity, turn off notifications and set reminders to take a break. We encourage young people to look after their mental health online by accessing the platforms wellbeing features (where available).

What is Zoom?



Zoom is a video conferencing platform that can be used through a computer desktop or mobile app, and allows users to connect online for video conference meetings, webinars and live chat. Please review Zoom's Privacy terms and conditions carefully before registering. <https://zoom.us/terms>



Parish / Diocesan Responsibilities

The Parish / Diocesan Youth Ministry leaders will ensure that they comply with the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore Safeguarding policy & procedures in the same way that they would if meeting face to face.

Full details of the diocesan safeguarding policy and procedures can be found on <https://www.waterfordlismore.ie/safeguarding-children/>



Access to Zoom

A young Person should only use a Parent / Guardian's Zoom account or access through their Parent / Guardian's email account when engaging with Parish / Diocesan Youth Ministry.

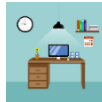


Parent / Guardian Supervision

We ask that you supervise your child's use of the Zoom account. By supervision we mean: The Parent / Guardian ensures that they are at home while the young person is attending the session, and the Parent / Guardian is responsible for logging in and out of the

Zoom meeting checking that privacy settings have not been changed and their passwords are not saved.

Ensure appropriate dress code / location:



Participants in Zoom calls share their name and image with other participants on that call. All participants must ensure that they have their camera switched on and that their name is the name which appears on screen. They must also ensure that they are the only person present on the call, avoiding situations whereby others in their home may be able to see/hear other participants on the Zoom call. Where possible the young person participating in Zoom should be in a communal space when accessing the session via laptop, computer, or another device. Bedrooms and bathrooms are not appropriate locations. Appropriate dress code to be followed e.g. pyjamas are not appropriate.



What will my child need to participate in distance-based youth group experiences?

- a completed Zoom Joint consent form
- be a registered Zoom user
- Charged laptop / phone with access to camera and microphone. (Note that laptops are needed to access the full features of Zoom.)
- Strong Wi-Fi connection (In the event of a weak Wi-Fi connection, contact your Parish / Diocesan Youth Ministry leader to discuss alternative ways of participating in the Zoom Meeting.)
- Within the Zoom session:
 - Ensure your background is free from any personal images / items that can identify personal information.
 - Do not give out any personal information about yourself or your family members e.g. home address, email address or phone numbers, alternative social media profile information or personal images / videos.
- Note: A Zoom account is not needed if you are strictly joining a Zoom meeting as a participant.

For more help, see <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>



Any questions or concerns?

Please feel free to contact the Parish / Diocesan Youth Ministry leader of your child's activity with any questions / concerns around the use of Zoom for this online ministry.