

CONSENT FOR TWO-WAY VIDEO CONFERENCING

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the current suspension of face-to-face instruction in schools, the use of digital tools to connect teachers, students, and parents will become increasingly important. An important part of this work is the ability for teachers to connect with students in real-time using video conferencing technology. The video conferencing platform being used is called Microsoft Teams and it is part of the Office 365 suite of tools. The current default setting is that student video is turned off. This means that students are unable to share videos of themselves with their teacher, classmates, or other teachers or students in the Surrey School district. Students can, however, see their teacher and any screen their teacher is sharing with them.

There are times when a visual connection between teachers, students, and parents is necessary. If you feel your child would benefit from having their video sharing capabilities turned on within Microsoft Teams, please carefully review the attached consent form, complete it, and share with your child's teacher(s), or you can share this request with your child's teacher(s) via phone or email. **By providing consent, you understand that video and audio of your child can be viewed by their classroom teacher and possibly by other students in their class.**

As a general safe practice, parents should ensure the supervision of all technology that allows children access to online communications and resources, and students should take care to avoid posting or sharing personal information or personal location that could be used to identify themselves or other persons.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.