



Key principles for engaging children and young people online

It's a real privilege to do this work. Doing it well and safely will help people to see Jesus in us.

Safety first	Planning	Run the session	Keep things going
 <p>A meeting in an online space is a real meeting and should not be seen as less</p> <p>Know your safeguarding policy and the impact of online engagement</p> <p>All session leaders should have been subject to a Safer Recruitment process</p> <p>Deal with all issues as you would with any concerns, as per your organisation's policies</p> <p>Your Data Protection policies may well apply to some of your engagement</p>	 <p>Understand what you're trying to do, AND what you're not doing</p> <p>Explore which software is best for your needs. This is a great site: bit.ly/2JCoAEk</p> <p>Make sure you know how to run the session as you want, and test it several times</p> <p>Get consent from parents or guardians, in line with your current policy for face to face contact</p> <p>Plan your sessions to include not only the content, but how the meeting should be run</p>	 <p>Getting the context right is important: location (ie not bedrooms), time, dress, language</p> <p>Parents or guardians should get invitations and be present in the room for under 13s</p> <p>Agree rules of behaviour with everyone before the session starts</p> <p>Always have two leaders, with one managing the session to mute users if necessary or take other actions</p> <p>ALWAYS use your organisation's account details and never your personal one</p>	 <p>Start slowly, give yourself and others reflection time before the next session</p> <p>Agree the time of the next session with your group as you finish the current one</p> <p>Make a note of what happened at the meeting and who was there</p> <p>Pray for you, your team, the children and young people and the technology you're using!</p> <p>Keep reviewing how things can be improved and made safer</p>