

Virtual Meet & Greet events generally last approximately 30-minutes.

A Chapter One member of staff or a teacher will always facilitate the event, but it's great if you can have a quick think about what you want to say in advance.



Volunteers: RSVP!

To assist with the coordination and planning of this event, it is very important that each volunteer RSVPs via the meetings tab on the Chapter One platform. This information will be shared with teachers so they can set appropriate expectations for the children. Please note that events with fewer than four volunteers attending will be cancelled. We don't want to risk disappointing the children due to last minute cancellations.

If you are unable to attend, please consider writing a simple note and asking a colleague who is also a Chapter One volunteer with the class to share it with your student on your behalf.

Introducing yourself to your reading partner!

This introductory virtual meeting is designed for you and your assigned pupil to say hello and put a face to a name! Be prepared to say a little bit about yourself and what you enjoy about reading. Remember that your student may be a little shy and tongue-tied when they first 'see' you, but we will certainly encourage them to give you a wave! You might want to get together with your colleagues also supporting the class and think about anything you want to say collectively.

Think of an open question to ask your partner as this can encourage conversation. Some volunteers bring along something to show their partner to help break the ice - even their pets - which always creates much excitement!

Suggested questions:

- What's your favourite book? Or, what type of books do you like to read (favourite topics)?
- What's your favourite subject in school?
- What's your favourite food? Why?
- Do you have any pets?
- What do you like to do for fun outside of school?



Where to find the Zoom link

The Zoom link will be in the meeting invitation on our platform, which you can find in the Meetings section of the menu.

Gifts and snack treats for students

We have a no gifts policy for individual children to avoid some children feeling left out. However, if you want to send a card to your pupil that is absolutely fine. Books for the class to share are always welcome, or if you have any child-friendly corporate merchandise, then that is also fine to send for the larger class. Snacks for the whole class to share around the Zoom event are always eagerly received, however they need to be healthy and nut-free. They should also be suitable for vegetarians. As a guide, most classes are 30 children but check pupil numbers with your child's teacher via Messaging on the Chapter One platform.

Suggested activities

While we provide several activities that will work in a virtual setting, please feel free to come up with your own activities during the virtual event. You might want to read a story to the class, play Simon Says, or tell some riddles or jokes!

WHAT AM I?

I have 4 legs and a tail. I have whiskers. People like to keep me as a pet. What am I? [CAT]

I have thick grey skin. I have big ears and a long trunk. I can spray water with my trunk. What am I? [ELEPHANT]

I am a bird. I make a 'hoot' sound. I am usually awake at night. What am I? [OWL]

I have brown and orange spots. I have 4 long legs. I am very tall. What am I? [GIRAFFE]

SOLVE THE RIDDLE

What has hands and a face but cannot smile?
[A CLOCK]

It belongs to you but your friend uses it? [YOUR NAME]



Photography and Zoom etiquette

On the Zoom, please ensure your camera is switched on, you're not on 'mute' and your screen name is familiar to your Chapter One pupil! Please do not take any photos or screenshots. Your Programme Manager and child's teacher might take photos as they know which children have photo consent. Please let your Programme Manager know if you do not wish to have your photo taken and used in Chapter One social media and publicity materials.

TELL A JOKE!

Q: Why didn't the cake make it on time to the party?

A: It was choco-LATE.

Q: Where do cows go on a Saturday night?

A: To the MOOOOOOOOOooooooooooooooooooooovies.

Q: What did one tomato say to the other tomato?

A: You go ahead and I'll ketchup.

Q: What do elves learn at school?

A: The elf-abet.

Q: How do all the oceans say hello to each other?

A: They wave!



Thank you for sharing your love of reading!