PLATFORMS AND RESOURCES FOR VIRTUAL CLASSES

Bitmoji Classroom
bitmoji.com
https://www.bitmoji.com/

Teachers virtually set up a model classroom to serve as a hub for students and parents. The classroom can be accessed any time and there are various spaces to click on to see what the class is working on, their calendar, and any learning resources. Parents can also log on to see what students are learning.

A teacher begins by creating their own Bitmoji (a cartoon image of yourself) via the Bitmoji app. Then, for best results with setting up a classroom, add the Bitmoji Extension to the Chrome browser.

Google Classroom
classroom.google.com
https://classroom.google.com/u/0/h

This powerful tool is free for non-profits and is great to help set up classes and communicate with students and parents. It comes with user-friendly tutorials and interfaces with a myriad of other applications.

Google Meet (formerly Google Hangouts)
meet.google.com
https://meet.google.com/

This free tool can be used in conjunction with Google Classroom to set up meetings, record lessons and hold conversations. Quite user-friendly.

Jitsi
jitsi.org
https://jitsi.org/

Similar to Zoom, this tool offers free open-source video conferencing for web and mobile.

Padlet
padlet.com
https://padlet.com/

A free tool that is best described as an online notice board. Can be used by students and teachers to post notes on a common page. The notes posted by teachers and students can contain links, videos, images and document files.

Screencastify
screencastify.com
https://www.screencastify.com/

A tool for online learning that allows you to record, edit and share videos. No download required. There is a free version which has a 5-minute limit on recorded videos, and a paid version with unlimited recording capability.

Zoom
zoom.us
https://zoom.us/

A well-known app with limited (40-minute sessions) free usage for meetings and classes. More applications come with the upgrade package which can be purchased and easily shared.