

WP6 – Training Actions



Context:

This Training Action was taken from the list of best practices and fulfils the following Key Educational Factors: Relationships; Making sense and constructing knowledge; Assuming Roles; Metacognition; Individualities.

Education in schools is strongly tied with communication. There are different persons involved in different places: students, their parents and teachers. They have to work together to ensure the education success.

To communicate in class is easy. Teachers and students are in the same place at the same time. But how does it work if students are not at school, but at home? And how can a teacher inform the parents? How can parents stay in contact with teachers, if they don't have an own office and no own telephone connection?

Many years ago teachers were dictating messages, that the parents had to read. Later teachers were sending E-Mails to inform the parents. In the meantime, instant messaging is very popular, although it is linked with some risks.

Hoccer is a free instant messaging service for smartphones and tablets, which is available in Apple's and Google's App Stores. It allows to communicate in chat groups and to exchange messages, pictures and videos, without a registration with personal data.

The service's provider, the Hoccer Betriebs GmbH in Berlin, which belongs meanwhile to the Ströer-Group, attaches importance on coding the personal data in the app. There is no need for the telephone number in the registration process, a self-chosen nickname is sufficient.

Homepage:

www.hoccer.com

App Store:

<https://itunes.apple.com/de/app/hoccer-der-sichere-messenger/id340180776?mt=8>

Possible use in the HHE context

Hoccer's functions are well qualified to build up a communication-network in case a child is ill for a long time. In this case parents, teachers in home and hospital education, doctors, the concerned child and eventually the classmates can communicate staggered.

Hospitals and Home Tuition Schools can use the application for many different scenarios and purposes:

Communication about the ill child's situation:

Doctors, teachers and parents can stay in touch about the pathogenesis, state of health and the willingness to attend classes.

Communication with teachers and classmates about the everyday school life:

Students and teachers in hospital schools can stay up to date about given exercises at school. Teachers can send actual exercises and worksheets, classmates can photograph their notes and the notes from the board.

A child at home or in the hospital can take a look at this material and work on it with the hospital teacher. The child can also send the done exercises back to his teacher.

Communication with the classmates:

The child with medical needs can use the app to stay in close contact with his classmates. The child can send photos from the hospital and inform his classmates about how it feels.

It is also possible to create different groups. This can be very useful, because i.e. the classmates don't have to get the confidential messages from the doctors, teachers or parents.

What do partners need to implement the training actions?

1. To use "Hoccer" students and teachers have to download the free app. An internet connection (LAN or WiFi) is needed for this.
2. The app can be downloaded in the Google Play Store or in the App Store.
3. Ask the other involved persons to download and install the app.
4. Establish now contact to the other involved persons. You can choose between "in the area" and in "distance".
5. Establish contact in distance: Chose "contacts" in the menu in the green strip above little man. Give it a "+". Now you can add this contact, sending a mail or sms from the app in which you integrate a by Hoccer generated 10 digits long code. The added contact has to type in this generated code.
6. To establish the direct contact is easier. Establish connection with classmates by sending a generated QR-code. The other person can scan your QR-code. As an alternative the other person can type in a by the app generated 10 digits long code.
7. In the next step you can create a group by pushing the symbols for little men and "+". You have to give the group chat a name and confirm it by pushing "create group".
8. If you go now to the contact-menu you can invite more persons from your contact list by pushing "groups". You can only do this if you have created the group.
9. Now you can send messages, photos and videos by pushing "messages" in the group.

Training

Since this app is a communication-tool and no educational software a use in the curriculum is not useful. But it is possible, to run a short test-sequence at the beginning of the use with the child and his parents.

A test-sequence could have the following structure:

1. Proof if every involved person has installed the app
2. Generate a QR-code

3. Scan this QR-code by every involved person
4. Invite the involved persons to a group
5. Send a few text- and picture-messages from the group-chat

Additional Notes

The use of this app can be a good substitute for the messaging-service "What'sApp". In terms of data security German providers, who subject to German Privacy Policy, are more trustworthy then providers from the USA.

Hoccer is according to its own statement a communication service, which is very careful about his user's privacy. It sends messages and appendixes with the greatest possible security. All messages and appendixes are coded with a 4096 Bit RSA/256 Bit AES and they get transmitted safely thanks to an end-to-end encryption. The provider has no insight to the transmitted messages.

The app is advertisement free at the moment. But it is possible that there will be a free version with advertisement in the future. In this case a paid version will be hopefully advertisement free.

WP6 – Evaluation of Training Actions



Please use the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeHoGerman>