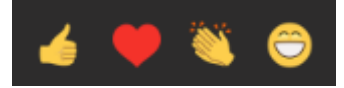




New Teams Meeting options – Reactions

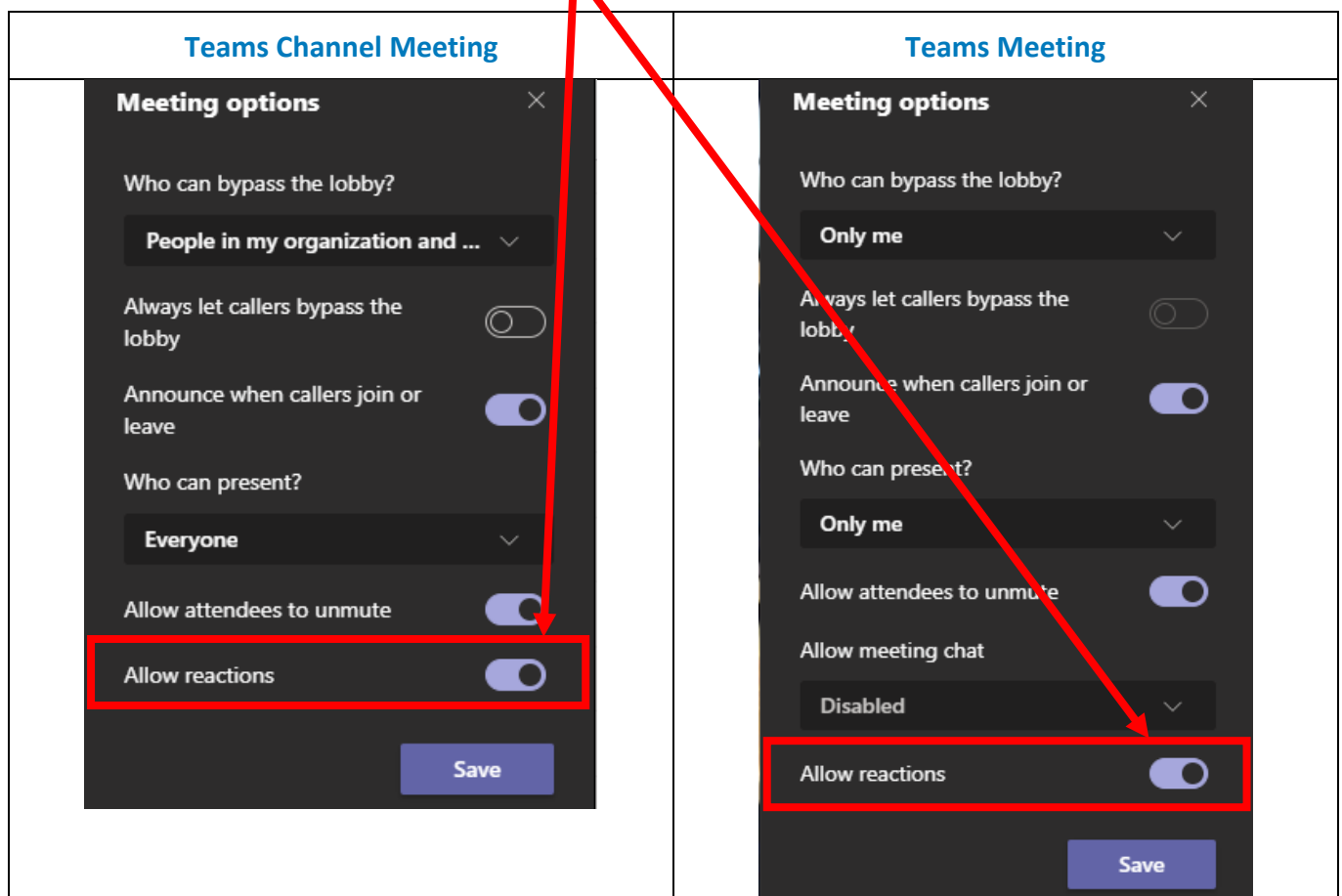
Following a recent update to Microsoft Teams, you and your pupils may now see **Reactions** as an option, next to the Raise Hand icon. Reactions are emojis that appear over the individual who selected them. These are potentially distracting and could also be used inappropriately. Schools/ teachers may wish to disable them.



You can stop attendees using reactions in your lessons/ meetings by going to the **Meeting Options**, either:

- before letting people in through the lobby; or
- during the meeting/lesson

and moving the 'Allow reactions' slider to the left (off position).



Turning off Reactions will still allow attendees to raise their hand. You may need to update your Teams app to see these Reactions options: if they're missing, click your avatar in the Teams app and select 'Check for Updates'.

Technical Teams: Turning off Reactions for all new Teams Meetings

IT Teams can turn Reactions off by default by running a Powershell script using the details [here](#). The code should look similar to this, depending on your meeting policy applied to teachers:

```
Set-CsTeamsMeetingPolicy -Identity Education_Teacher -AllowMeetingReactions $false
```