



South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

Dear Parents & Carers

As you all know, we started to use an online learning platform called 'Seesaw' during lockdown over the Summer term. For the new Year 1 parents who don't know what 'Seesaw' is, this is an online site which enables teachers to set timetables of work and allocate daily resources to any pupils who are working from home, then it allows the pupils to upload their work in a variety of different ways (through taking photos of work, typing, annotating using the pen or type tool, or even sending video responses). The teaching staff can then offer feedback and guidance to the children who are submitting their work on to the 'Seesaw' program.

This basic video guide gives a summary of what 'Seesaw' is and how it works: <https://web.seesaw.me/parents>

Mrs Valentine, our new School Business Manager, has been working hard this week to get our new classes on 'Seesaw' up and ready. We want to have this prepared in case any of our pupils have to self-isolate or access home learning, either because they have COVID symptoms or a member of their family has a positive test result etc. Unfortunately, there is the chance this could affect many of our families in one way or another over the coming months, so we need this online system to be ready to use if we are to offer effective home learning provision for our children.

You can access the site at home either from using the website at: <https://web.seesaw.me/> or you can use the app 'Seesaw Class' and download this on to your phone, tablet or desktop.

You will see that your child will come home today with a sheet relating to 'Seesaw' in their book bag (please note that this sheet should not come back to school.) On this sheet, you will see that there is a QR code. The sheet gives specific instructions for how to use this QR code to login to your child's individual 'Seesaw' account for their new class this year either on your tablet or on your computer. Once you have done this, you will be able to access your child's new 'Seesaw' account for this academic year.

It would be really helpful if all of our families could do this as soon as possible please, as this will mean that we are ready to allocate home learning and direct teaching videos and resources to pupils if they have to self-isolate in the future, or heaven forbid, if we went in to a local or national lockdown again and we have to use 'Seesaw' as our main mode of teaching and learning.

Going forward, we will also be asking the children to present some of their homework activities on 'Seesaw' as well (to minimise sheets going back and forth between home and school as much as possible) so if everyone could have their children logged in, it really would be extremely helpful.

Please note that Year 1 children will continue to use 'Tapestry' until the middle of October as their online learning platform, but then will cross over to 'Seesaw' after this, so Year 1 parents and carers need to set this up for their children as well please.

Hopefully 'Seesaw' will be something which we don't need to use on a large scale again, but it is good to know that we have it ready as our contingency plan if we ever need it.

For those pupils that are not in school today, we will be arranging to get their QR codes to you as soon as possible.

Please get in touch with us if anyone has any problems, questions or queries.

Best wishes

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