

Kirkby on Bain Church of England Primary School

'Learning together for life'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to announce that children across school will now have the opportunity to use Seesaw, an online learning journal. This follows a very successful trial with Willow Class last year. Having parents involved in the learning process is hugely important to us and this is one of the reasons we will be using Seesaw. It is an easy way for children to share and keep a record of what they are learning. We are hoping that this will give families a window into the classroom and a way to connect with your child's learning. Feedback from parents and children was universally positive and parents reported that they loved seeing what their child had been learning throughout the school day. Parents also said they looked forward to seeing notifications of a new post and that the majority of them were created and chosen by their child. 100% of parents who responded to a survey (and who had a child in another class) said that they would like to see Seesaw being used in other classes. Children also reported that they loved being able to share their work with their families and felt that this helped to prompt conversations about school with their families. An added benefit of us using Seesaw is the way it allows children to communicate with a parent when they are working away.

Children will be given their own Seesaw learning journal where they can create their own posts. Posts in Seesaw will vary depending on what children decide to share and what you are happy for them to include. Seesaw allows pupils to add photographs of work, annotations written over those images, photographs of themselves and short videos of themselves e.g. reading their writing out loud, talking about their work etc. Their posts will be seen by the other pupils in their class group, staff in school, you as their parent and any other family member who you nominate on this form. We will need to authorise your account matched to the email addresses provided. In order to understand what content you are happy for your child to share we require you to complete the attached form. There are strict guidelines regarding children under 13 and Seesaw have a strict privacy policy that can be viewed here: <https://web.seesaw.me/privacy-policy>. Seesaw's privacy principles can be viewed here: <https://web.seesaw.me/privacy>. Terms and conditions can be viewed here: <https://web.seesaw.me/terms-of-service>. Please refer to these for more detail and to ensure you are fully aware of Seesaw's principles in ensuring content is secure. There are also some helpful guides on the following link to help you make an informed decision: <https://seesaw.me/hc/en-us/sections/115001110363-Trus-and-safety>.

As a parent or family member, you can receive notifications when your child makes a post to their journal through the Seesaw parent app (free to download on any platform). If consent is provided, a letter will be sent home with detailed instructions explaining how to access your child's journal. Please note, you will only be able to access your own child's portfolio of work (but more than one parent or family member can access this). All posts and comments to the journals (made by the children themselves or family members) will have to be approved by us before they appear. Please be advised that these interactions may not happen immediately - your patience is greatly appreciated. In addition, it will be very early days for many of the children and staff using Seesaw - as the children become more independent using the app, more posts should appear for you to see!

Hope, Peace, Friendship, Forgiveness, Respect and Trust

It would be very helpful for us if you could also provide details of the email address of those family members who will be accessing your child's journal. Please complete the form below and return by **Thursday 18th October.**

We are very much looking forward to sharing our learning with you and we hope that you will join us on this exciting project! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

L Ward & G Day

Mrs L Ward & Miss Day

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Name of child: _____

I am happy for my child to add posts to their Seesaw journal **(yes/no)**

I am happy for my child to include photos and/or videos within posts they add to their Seesaw journal **(yes/no)**

I agree to my child being included in a group photo/video, which will also appear on other pupils' Seesaw journals. **(yes/no)**

I agree not to share posts that include other children with anyone who does not have access to my child's Seesaw journal. This will be the two (or one) named person below.

Name of family member: _____ **Email address:** _____

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I would like the opportunity to attend a workshop for parents to find out more about using Seesaw **(yes/no)**

Signed: _____ **Print name:** _____