

The Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, we use an assessment tool: Seesaw (<http://seesaw.me>), a secure online journal where students can document and reflect on what they are learning in class. As staff, we will be able to add the things we work on (including photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings) to your child's Seesaw journal and we can share them privately with you and other family members to view and comment on throughout the school year.

As a family, you too will be able to upload photos, videos and any activity that your child completes, at home, to share with the class teacher and add to their learning journey. Once consent has been gained, you will receive an email asking you to sign up to Seesaw thus having access to your child's account. You can download the app on your phone/tablet as well as accessing this on a laptop.

There is also a feature for you to send messages through this. If you wish to send a message through Seesaw, we will be notified of this and will aim to reply as soon as we are able. For those children in nursery who receive a daily update in their communication diary, we will aim to write a summary of the day and send this through Seesaw for you to read, meaning this will replace the communication diary.

In order for your child to use Seesaw, the app needs your email address to be able to associate the evidence (their photos, videos or voice recordings with their account). Seesaw only uses your child's name to provide the service and doesn't advertise in Seesaw, create profiles of students, or share or sell your child's personal information or journal content. You can read more about their strong privacy promises here: <https://web.seesaw.me/privacy>.

Under an EU law called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and to allow your child to use Seesaw, and share their learning journey with you, the school must get your consent. For more information on GDPR, please visit <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rights-citizens>.

Please be aware that whilst we try to avoid including other children in another child's photos, your child may appear in photographs that are shared with all parents that consent to using the app. Therefore, if you do not wish for this to happen please consider whether you want to give permission for this app to be used for your child. Due to the app already being part of our everyday practice there will already be some examples of photos that have other children on them. If any parent within our Nursery/Reception cohort deny consent, we will not be able to allow any parents access their child's account and permissions will be void.

A gentle reminder that photos containing any children, other than your own, must not be copied and shared on social media.

I hope that your child will enjoy using Seesaw to document and share their learning this year. Please sign below and return this permission slip so that your child can use Seesaw.

Best wishes,
Mrs C. Bould
EYFS Class Teacher.

Please sign and return the form below by Friday 31st January 2025.

I DO/ DO NOT (delete as appropriate) give consent for my child, listed below, to use Seesaw for class activities and for their photos and images to be shared using the online Seesaw app, sharing these with you/and other parents in the class. Please be aware that whilst we try to avoid including other children in another child's photos, your child may appear in photographs that are shared with all parents that consent to using the app.

Student Name: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Email Address(es) you would like linking to your child's account:

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



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