

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to announce that Carradale Primary School will be using the program 'Seesaw' this year. We will be using this program as a means of communicating with parents and allowing them to see the learning their children are doing in school.

Hopefully this letter will provide you with some additional information about Seesaw and how we will be using it.



What is it?

Seesaw is a website and an app that allows teachers, learners and parents to work together to build a comprehensive digital portfolio, to showcase learning across the year. It's relatively new but as its popularity has grown, it has become a key feature in many classrooms across Scotland and the UK. It helps to keep parents in the loop by giving them a real-time, personalised glimpse into their child's school day. Going forward, we will be using Seesaw as a way of recording children's learning journey.

How does it work and what are the benefits?

Throughout the school year, Seesaw builds an organised, digital portfolio of each student's learning, accessible by teachers, learners and parents. Teachers and learners can show work in the form of photos, videos, worksheets, tasks, activities etc. It encourages learners to become reflective and carefully consider their strengths and next steps, monitoring these and adding feedback throughout the year. Teachers and/or pupils can post comments about their work and parents/carers can respond by sending a message back. Parents and carers cannot however, begin a thread for a new conversation, they can simply reply to work or comments which have already been posted. Parents/carers will only have access to their own child's account and will not be able to see other children's accounts. However, teachers will sometimes select to send photos or details of activities to the whole class rather than individuals. If this happens, then all parents who have registered, will have access to these photos or activities.

PLEASE NOTE, THAT BY REGISTERING WITH SEESAW, YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YOU ARE HAPPY FOR YOUR CHILD'S WORK AND PHOTOS TO BE POSTED ON THIS SITE, there is not a separate 'photography permission' form to fill in. The authority has pointed out that this is not a social media site, but is a means of showing evidence of the work your child has been doing.



Its layout is similar to that of popular social media sites, so many learners are therefore motivated and engaged from the offset. We believe that it will be a vital tool in improving learners' skills and abilities, while at the same time giving us an excellent platform to keep up communications with parents and carers.

How to register and engage in Seesaw.

Your child will bring home a sheet of paper which is called the 'Family Invite'. This will give you instructions for downloading Seesaw app onto your Smartphone or for using the website on your computer. The sheet contains a unique QR code which has to be scanned using your smartphone, or a website to visit if you are using your computer. Once you have created your account, the class teacher will notice that you have registered and will then be able to start sending you information about your child's work.

We have attached a Privacy Notice that has been created by Argyll and Bute Council to keep you fully informed as to how Seesaw will be using your data. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me alistair.macleod22@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Regards

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