



# SEESAW

## Information for Parents

St. Bernadette's R.C. Primary School uses the commercial platform Seesaw to allow the school and pupils to engage with parents and carers to create an online environment which:

- Empowers pupils to take ownership of their learning and to reflect on their progress over time.
- Gives pupils tools to show what they know in the way which works best for them
- Creates a meaningful home-school connection so that parents and carers can better support their child's learning.

We hope that by using these apps we can include families in the learning process by inviting them to view updates to their child's Seesaw journal. The school recognises the numerous benefits and opportunities which an online communication and learning platform offers. Staff, parents/carers and pupils are actively encouraged to find creative ways to use these platforms. However, there are some risks associated with their use.

### What is the Seesaw family and Class App?

The Seesaw Family app will be used for documenting each child's learning in school. It will also be used as a communication tool for teachers and parents. The Seesaw Class app is used for home learning where activities can be completed and documented by the child or parent for the teacher to view. Both apps allow a variety of media to be used such as photos, drawings, notes, pdf documents, voice recordings and videos.

Parents, children and teachers can make specific comments on the child's learning enhancing and adding to the learning conversation. The app allows parents to have multiple children on the same account.

### Seesaw as an online communication tool

The apps allow staff to send announcements and reminders to their class but also gives parents the opportunity to communicate with their child's class teacher. It is important for parents to know:

- Staff will only communicate with parents within the working day 8am-5.30pm. Whilst we appreciate that parents may use the apps at any other time, staff will not respond outside of these hours.
- When a post is to 'everyone' all users can see the comments. Therefore, private messages, about an individual child's learning, between a teacher and parent must be conducted via the inbox facility.
- Seesaw is not the place for concerns or complaints to be shared with staff. This should be done via the official school email.

The school expects parents to use Seesaw for purposes beneficial to the learning of their child and the school, and will not accept any of the following behaviour:

- Sending abusive messages to fellow parents
- Sending abusive messages about members of staff, parents or the school
- Sending abusive messages to members of staff
- Sending frequent messages to members of staff

### Additional information

- Any concerns regarding the safety of your child should be directed to the school's designated safeguarding lead.
- Please read the Seesaw Acceptable Use Policy on the school website for further information