At Strathburn Primary School we are constantly looking to improve home communication and share the learning. As part of this we are developing electronic profiling and will be using the Seesaw app within the classroom to create a snap-shot of children’s learning. Seesaw is a platform that allows schools 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 that works best for them.
* inspires pupils to try their best by providing an audience for their work beyond the classroom.
* creates a meaningful home-school connection so that parents and carers can better support their child’s learning.

Under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in order for a child to use Seesaw, Strathburn School has to obtain your consent. In signing a consent form parents/carers are allowing the app to use their child’s name in in order to be able to associate work like photographic evidence of work, videos or voice recordings with their account. Seesaw only uses this information 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.  Further information about their strong privacy promises can be found online at <https://web.seesaw.me/privacy>. It is the parent’s responsibility to read this privacy policy and on returning the permission slip to school it is assumed that this has been read.

Once consent has been received by a parent the teacher will then set up their Seesaw account for their class and follow the guidelines and instructions given by the school.

At Strathburn pupils and teachers will then add examples of learning, like photos, videos, or drawings and pupils can also add voice, text or drawing annotations to an item.  We will not use photos of pupils when sharing work online, all photographic and video examples will be of pupil work only.

Teachers will approve new journal items uploaded by pupils which can then be shared with parents and carers via the app. Teachers may also use Seesaw to post spelling words, useful web-links, and information about pupil achievement or to message parents about whole class reminders.

Strathburn School staff will not respond to external messages from parents/carers sent through See-saw. All communication continues to be carried out via the school office.

Over time, Seesaw builds an organised, digital portfolio of each student’s learning, accessible via iOS app or on the web.  It is not shared with anyone else as each child has their own individual unique journal.

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