

## COVID19 HOME LEARNING UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2020

We do not want any child to miss out on any further learning. If your child is unable to come to school, they will **still need to complete their school work at home**, to make sure that they do not fall behind in their learning (unless they are very unwell).

Your child will not be allowed to attend school if they have **any** symptoms of Covid 19 **or** a member of their household has any Covid 19 symptoms where the whole household needs to self-isolate.

Symptoms include:

- A high temperature of 37.8 degrees centigrade or above or hot to the touch **or**
- A new and or persistent cough **or**
- The loss of smell or taste

Further details can be found on: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children)

(We recommend that parents purchase a digital thermometer from the pharmacy or supermarket if possible).

If a pupil or staff member in a class bubble shows symptoms of Covid 19, then it may be necessary for the whole class bubble to self-isolate for up to two weeks in that instance. Your child will be expected to complete their school work and use Seesaw every day to keep up with their learning.

For Years 2 to Y6 we are going to trial the use of a new secure online journal where children can work at home and document and reflect on what they are learning, this is called **Seesaw** (<http://seesaw.me>).

This will be used as a tool to support home learning, allowing children to share their work (including photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings) and receive feedback from their teacher. We will also begin to use Seesaw on a weekly basis for a simple homework task to enable everyone understand how to use it effectively. Parents will also be able to pass on general messages to their child's class teachers through Seesaw.

Every child will have their own unique code, which will allow them to access their Seesaw journal from home. They will not be able to access the journal of any other child in the class with this code. Once all permission slips have been received codes will be released.

Parents and carers can also be linked to their child's Seesaw account, using their email address or mobile phone number, so that they can view their child's journal.

In order for your child to use Seesaw, the app needs your child's name in order to be able to associate work like their photos, 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. 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), in order for your child to use Seesaw, 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>.

Unfortunately, there is a high likelihood of Covid 19 having a further disruptive impact on learning this academic year therefore, I strongly urge all families to give your consent and use this. We will also use Seesaw to give any extra learning activities to 'Boost' any learning gaps that the children may have as a result of missing so much time from school.

I hope that you and your child will enjoy using Seesaw to document and share their learning. Please sign below and return this permission slip so that your child can use Seesaw. Please add your email address or mobile number in order to be linked to your child's journal. If you do not have reliable internet access at home please do not worry as paper copies can be provided for your child, please let us know by ticking the box below.

Early Years & Year 1 children will continue to use Tapestry to communicate and share Early Learning Goals progress.

**Please remove this sheet, sign below and return the form by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

I give consent for my child, listed below, to use Seesaw for class activities.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

- I do not have access to the internet and will need paper copies of my child's school work. (Please tick if necessary)**

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.