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Seesaw

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year, we will be using an application called Seesaw. Seesaw is an innovative student led digital portfolio, which allows pupils to showcase their achievements across the curriculum by photographing and uploading evidence to their own personal account. This is then made available within their account once approved by their teacher. Once approved, parents who have registered on the app can then view and comment on their child's work, helping them to celebrate success.

The Seesaw app also has a home school communication feature which allows parents and teachers to easily communicate with each other. Whilst we encourage parents to make use of this channel of communication, please be mindful that teachers are not always able to check for and reply to messages throughout the school day, and so important or pressing matters should still be communicated to teachers through the school office, who can pass on important messages to teachers or arrange appointments if required. Teachers will respond to messages when they are able to check them. Please be mindful that staff are not required to reply to messages outside of school hours, so again pressing matters should be brought to the attention of the teacher through the school office as normal.

A key element of this application is the fact that it is student led. This means that teachers will rarely upload samples to the portfolio daily, rather the onus is on pupils to upload work which they are proud of and want to showcase as their success. This may mean that there will be some time between when work is uploaded, but this should not be seen as worrying, rather be rest assured that your son/daughter is continuing to work hard until they have their final piece of work which they want to showcase.

We will be sending you instructions of how to download the Seesaw app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. These instructions also include a unique code which will enable you to connect with your son/daughter's account. Please only share this code with adults with parental responsibility for the named child as it will give them access to your child's account and do not share it on social media.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter and we look forward to working in close partnership with you this year. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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ICT Co-ordinator

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