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Dear parents and carers,

DJS Sharing Home Learning through SeeSaw

We have had a wonderful reaction to our new online platform 'SeeSaw' for sharing your children's learning at home and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you. It is incredibly important for us all to stay connected and ensure that children are able to keep active their learning as best we can during these strange times.

We have already seen from the various posts that have alreay been shared, that children are continuing to remain positive, stay safe and develop their learning as best they can. The teaching staff have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the books that children are reading and the new skills they are learning (from cooking and baking to gardening and musical instruments) and it demonstrates the resilience that all the pupils at our school have.

Our main priority in using this App is for pupils to remain connected in a safe learning environment. The more pupils who use the system, the more the class community will stay together during this enforced period of absence from school and this is why we would really encourage as many of you as possible to download the free App to share what your children are doing at home.

We do understand that new technology can sometimes be difficult to access or use initially, so we have included some troubleshooting tips below to help. If you have any other concerns or problems accessing the SeeSaw App, then please do email us at djshomelearning@gmail.com and we can help to find a solution.

Why do we need to access SeeSaw?	Even if you aren't posting much to the system, class teachers will be posting optional inspirational challenges and other engaging items for you children to enjoy **if it inspires them**. An important element of school life is how children develop excellent communication skills and how we encourage others. While we can't be in the same classroom, it is still important to continue developing these skills as best we can.
Unable to scan the QR code on the SeeSaw app.	Ideally, print out the QR codes you will need – especially if you have more than one code needed. If you are unable to print, try using another device with a camera and take a picture of your QR code. You can then scan this second device using the main seesaw app.
Unsure what to post on the system.	We began by asking for any reading, learning tasks or new skills that your child is completing at home. We have also seen examples of new activities that people are completing to stay positive at home. **Anything that your child would like to share with their teachers and friends is welcome.**
Children don't want to post to the system.	Some people can be camera shy, or self-conscious of their work. We understand and would still love to see children liking each other's work and encouraging them by sharing comments with the teachers about their posts.
Too much pressure to post lots to the system.	This system is simply a way for our teaching staff to keep in contact with their class. There is no expectation to post excessively nor to post elaborate activities. One post a week saying hello or showing something being practised or learnt, is more than enough. Equally children can just respond to the teaching staff's posts with a comment or a like.
Worried about accurate spelling and grammar?	This is a difficult one. Because we want to encourage connection between the teaching staff and the children, teachers will be accepting posts with grammar and spelling mistakes. We just ask that children do check their spelling and grammar before they upload the post!
Unsure how secure the system is.	The SeeSaw system is GDPR compliant and all data that is posted to the system is encrypted. We use the QR code system to access from home and only those who have access to the code can access the system. Only pupils within that class can access that class. All posts have to be approved by staff before they are posted and we ensure that no personal data information is revealed by the posts.

Thank you once again for your support in joining us on SeeSaw. We cannot stress how important it is for us to maintain regular contact as a community and the only way we can do this is with your help.

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