

# **Parent Guide to our Communication Methods for Home Learning and News**

## **SEESAW**

SeeSaw is the main Learning Platform we are using to provide Home Learning for your children during the school closure.

SeeSaw can be accessed using the desktop internet page or there is a SeeSaw Class app for tablets and mobile phones.

There are four parts to seesaw: the blog, announcements, journal and activities

### **The Blog**

The Blog is communication aimed at parents and carers. We will use this to add general updates and information, messages from staff including the Headteacher and sometimes to highlight pictures or work done over the week. You will have been given/sent the web address for your class blog. This is password protected and only parents in your child's class has this password.

### **The Journal**

When your child logs into SeeSaw using their child username and password, on the website or app, they will be taken to their personal journal.

Your child can only see things attached to their name on the journal. Teachers may use this to pass on information to your child such as a username/password reminder, etc. or for a general update video/message. Anything the child chooses to post, using Add Student Post button or as a response to an Activity, will go into their Journal page. Teachers may like or comment on anything posted. Parents could also comment under their child's work or via our Blog messages too.

### **The announcements**

Sometimes a teacher may choose to send an update message or a 'keeping in touch' message using the announcement feature.

If a message has been sent this way, the child will have a notification to say there is a message in their inbox.

## **The activities**

These are the home learning tasks.

Home learning tasks will take a variety of formats.

During term time there will be year group specific English, Maths and Phonics activities created by the school teaching staff.

There will also be more general topic/subject based activities and worksheets, links to external websites we recommend (such as ActiveLearnPrimary, Phonics Play, Oxford Owls, Joe Wicks PE sessions, etc) and videos to engage your child at home. Teachers may also create short videos such as reading a story, out in their garden looking for signs of spring or fun activities to try. We also have a daily challenge with a theme posted on SeeSaw and on our social media pages.

To access home learning activities, when your child logs in they should visit the Activities tab to see what activities are waiting for them. To complete an activity your child clicks on Add Response and their name.

When completed they can click on Submit and their teachers will get a notification when they next visit SeeSaw. Teachers may choose to like and comment on pupil work. Once a teacher has seen the work it will appear in your child's journal page. Only they can see their work.

There is no pressure and expectation for parents and children to complete all activities assigned. The home learning activities are there to help and support you during the school closures, and to provide suggestions and recommendations throughout this difficult time. We are very aware that many of you are also trying to work from home whilst also looking after your children.

Pick and choose those that work best for your child, and feel free to add your photographs, videos and drawings outside of those set. We love to see what you are up to, and you might give us some ideas for activities other children in school would enjoy!

## **SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook and Twitter**

Our Facebook and Twitter pages will be used for general information, sharing ideas and links, sharing examples of pupil work, and more.

These are public access, and open for the whole world to see. Our social media pages are aimed at adults - parents, carers and the wider community.

Do engage with us online - we love to hear from you!

## **WEBSITE**

***[www.huntersbarinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.huntersbarinfantschool.co.uk)***

Again this is aimed at our parents and carers and is open access.

We now have a specific Covid-19 information page too.

The website also have a contact form and our normal contact telephone number and email address.

## **YEAR GROUP EMAILS**

Each year group has a new email address. These are specific to each year group and the teaching staff from those year groups aim to check these once or twice a day, and will respond accordingly, or pass your message on to the appropriate school adult.

You should use these to ask specific and general queries about home learning tasks or if you need to contact a member of teaching staff.

**Reception (classes 1, 2, 3) : [yr@huntersbar-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:yr@huntersbar-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)**

**Year One (classes 4, 5, 6) : [Y1@huntersbar-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:Y1@huntersbar-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)**

**Year Two (classes 7, 8, 9) : [Y2@huntersbar-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:Y2@huntersbar-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)**