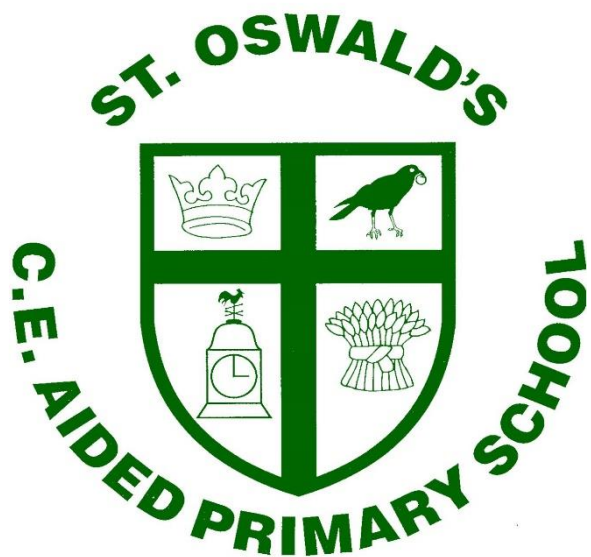


St Oswald's CE Primary School

Seesaw Policy 2024 – 2026



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Introduction

At St Oswald's, we believe that an effective partnership between home and school is beneficial in supporting children in their learning. As a result, we have introduced Seesaw in all classes.

We want our children to thrive and be celebrated for their achievements and hard work. Seesaw enables us to enhance our communication between teachers and parents, and provides parents with a clear understanding of what their children are learning in school.

In order for the system to work efficiently and effectively, this document will highlight the expectations around use from teachers and parents/carers in order to keep Seesaw as a positive tool.

These expectations will be annually reviewed during and after the implementation of Seesaw to reflect the values of the school.

What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is a multimedia journal that empowers students to share what they are learning at school. Each teacher creates an online classroom where they can post photos, videos, reminders or activities for parents to see. These are instantly shared and parents can see and 'like' their children's work.

Throughout the school year, Seesaw builds an organised, digital portfolio of the children's learning, accessible by the teacher, child and parent. Seesaw keeps parents updated by providing them with a real-time glimpse into their child's school life. Parents can praise their children for the achievements and, by knowing what they have achieved throughout the day, use what they see on Seesaw as a conversation starter.

Aims

- To provide a 'window' to our children's learning for parents/carers.
- To build up a digital portfolio of children's work.

How does Seesaw improve communication across our school?

Seesaw improves communication across the school, particularly with parents – teachers can easily keep parents up to date with what their child is learning. Parents receive an automatic notification via iOS and Android apps or email when new items are added.

As a family member you will see all posts that your child is tagged in. ***If a number of children are tagged in the same post all family members of the children tagged will see the same post.*** Please note any 'likes' when multiple children are tagged will be seen by other family members.

Parents can then engage with the new material by 'liking' the post. When this has been done, the teacher receives a notification. This is a great way of showcasing what the children have achieved, particularly in subjects such as PE, PSHE and Music. This ensures all members of our school community feel involved in our school's curriculum and able to share the wonderful events that take place throughout the year.

How safe and private is Seesaw?

All student contact is secure and protected and data is never shared with third parties. Protecting student privacy is fundamental in Seesaw's mission and business. They state that they truly value the trust that schools and families place in them. Here are Seesaw's promises:

- They will never sell your data or student data
- They do not own the content uploaded
- Student work is private to the classroom by default
- They are compliant with FERPA, COPPA and GDPR

Ways to further protect children include keeping the class QR code private and **not sharing posts from Seesaw on social media unless separate permission has been given.**

St Oswald's will collect permissions from all families, before sharing group photographs, and share this policy in order for all parents/carers to understand the purpose and expectations of using the app.

Teacher expectations

- Teachers are expected to access their Seesaw account via the app which is downloaded on their class iPad or a school laptop.
- Teachers are encouraged to post updates to children's portfolios. The number of posts teachers make and the content, which has to be appropriate or relevant, is at the discretion of the teacher.
- Teachers are encouraged to use Seesaw to communicate with parents for sharing regular reminders such as; *swimming, PE days, important events such as trips/assemblies, weekly celebrations of work and to notify parents of Shining Lights Awards.*
- All members of staff using Seesaw are asked to adhere to 'quiet hours' on their page. The agreed quiet hours are between 5:30 pm and 7:30am am Mondays to Friday, and all-day Saturday and Sunday.

Parent/Carer expectations

- All families are encouraged to sign up to Seesaw as this will be the main source for parents to gain insight to their children's learning and could become a regular source for reminders.
- In order to maintain the well-being of our class teachers, as well as ensuring they have a work-life balance, we ask that you bear in mind that teachers may not upload content daily.
- **Seesaw is only available to parents/carers and children registered at the school. Parents are reminded that they should not take images from Seesaw and post them elsewhere online. What is posted in Seesaw stays in Seesaw. Breaching this requirement will lead to account suspension and the possibility of St Oswald's deciding not to continue use with the app.**

Leadership expectations

- Monitoring of the policy will be by Senior Leaders who can view each Seesaw page at regular intervals to ensure the policy is being adhered to, and address any misuse with the relevant parties
- Senior Leaders will regularly review the use and necessity of Seesaw to ensure it is effective in achieving the aims of this policy.