

Burnbrae Primary



Seesaw Policy and Guidance



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What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is a learning journal that shares your child's learning and achievements through a safe digital learning platform. Children can document their learning creatively by periodically adding entries such as photos, videos, drawings and notes to profile the learning they have engaged with in class.

Seesaw creates a triangle of communication between families, the teacher and the child whilst encouraging digital citizenship and showing how we can use technology in a safe and creative way.

Benefits of using Seesaw:

- It empowers pupils to take ownership of their learning and to reflect on their progress over time.
- It gives children tools to show what they know in a way that works best for them.
- It inspires children to try their best by providing an audience for their work beyond the classroom.
- It creates a meaningful home-school connection so that parents and carers can better support their child's learning.

How Does Seesaw Work?

Seesaw includes of one website and two apps.



The FAMILY app:

- Allows you to access, like and comment on your child's Seesaw learning journal to interact and see what your child is learning and teacher are posting.
- You will receive a notification direct on your device whenever the teacher or your child posts on the learning journal.

The CLASS app:

- Allows your child and the teacher to post, like and comment to the learning journal.

The Seesaw website:

- Allows you to do and see all that the FAMILY app does but you will not receive notifications on this.

Our Expectations

Family and Staff Communication

- Staff can post announcements and reminders to families between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm on Seesaw.
- Families can comment positively on their child's learning experiences which have been shared.
- Staff need to approve all comments from families before they are shared with pupils.
- All communication for appointments should be made through the school office as is the normal procedure.
- All communication from families should only be on their child's learning journal.
- The school App is our main platform for sharing school newsletters and information. **Information will always be posted to the school app in the first instance.** Please contact the school office if you require support to download the app.
- Direct messages to staff should only be made through email to Burnbrae.PS@midlothian.gov.uk
- Good news and general achievements will also be shared on Twitter @BurnbraePS and for the ELC @BurnbraeEarly