



Scoil Naomh Feichín

Termonfeckin National School



SEESAW Guidance for Parents/Guardians

At Scoil Naomh Feichín we pride ourselves on ensuring excellent communication between home and school. Over the last few years we have been using **Seesaw** as a communication tool and also as our online platform for remote home learning and homework (when required).

We are constantly looking at ways to improve home communication and share our children's learning.

As part of this we have developed this blended approach and are using the Seesaw app within the classroom to create a snap-shot of your child's learning. The teachers have made the children aware of the [Seesaw Guidelines for Children](#), agreed by all pupils and staff.

Children are reminded of these guidelines, if and when required.

Seesaw allows the school and pupils to engage with parents and carers to create an online environment which:

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

Under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in order for a child to use Seesaw we have to obtain parental consent. In signing the consent form, parents/carers are allowing the platforms to use their child's name in order to be able to associate work like photographic evidence of work, videos or voice recordings with their account.

Seesaw does not share any information with any outside organisations.

Further information is available on the Seesaw website.

This online platform is the main forum for communication between school and home. Teachers post work and/or important messages as the need arises.

We don't want our online platform to dominate home life or a teacher's daily routine so it is important to set time boundaries when replying to parental queries.

General Guidance for Parents and Guardians:

- We ask that you encourage and support your children's work;
- During the normal school day, teachers will generally not be available on Seesaw - from 9.20am - 2.00pm (Infants), 09:20am - 3.00pm (1st - 6th class) as they will be engaged in teaching duties and playground supervision.

If you send a message to the teacher, they may not see it as they will be focused on working with their pupils or providing supervision in the playground.

However, teachers will endeavour to respond, at their earliest convenience.

- Teachers will not be available to respond on Seesaw during weekends or holiday periods.
- Every effort will be made by staff to respond in a timely manner to parental concerns. However, if a parent has a matter they deem urgent it is best practice to phone the school to discuss.
- Parents should:
 - ✓ ensure that appropriate firewalls and age restrictions are set on home computers;
 - ✓ ensure that computer use is regularly monitored;
 - ✓ ensure that communication is kept to a professional level;
 - ✓ ensure any feedback on work posted is encouraging and positive.
- Parents should not:
 - ✓ screenshot or share any information on social media or any other platform outside of Seesaw.