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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Norwood School values the importance of parent/carer engagement in children's learning and we achieve this through a number of strategies including parent/carer open sessions on a half termly basis, mid-year attainment and achievement report, as well as our established written end of year report, teachers available at the beginning and end of the school day, half termly curriculum overview, photographs and learning links on our website etc. In addition to this, and to build upon the provision for this in Reception class (Tapestry), we use **Seesaw** throughout the rest of the school.

Seesaw enables Norwood School to share with our parents/carers the focus that the children will be encountering in their next learning journey to enable families an opportunity to do a little 'prior learning' at home to put the children at an advantage when starting a new focus or unit. This approach is called 'Preview'.

Studies show that homework in primary age settings has very little impact upon the progress the children achieve, however when children engage in research and learning based on their next unit of work the impact is over 90 times more successful!

Whilst we will use Seesaw mainly for communicating how you can help your children in advance of their learning in school to put them at an advantage, it also has a 'portfolio' function. This enables children to log in and upload photos, files and videos of their learning that you will be able to view from a device with an internet connection. When your child adds a new note, photograph, video or work you will receive a notification prompting you to view and respond to your child's learning item. To show that you have read and engaged with the notes and work shared, please click like and feel free to add comments to your children's posts.

You only have access to your own child's work and all of the content is stored securely, however there may be posts of photographs that include a number of children across the class.

For an introduction, parents/carers can view this YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlw-tUKvnNc>

- ***The children's logins for 'CLASS SEESAW' will be sent home in hard copy today – this is where the learning can be viewed and shared.***
- ***Parents/Carers need to set up a 'FAMILY SEESAW' account to have the full functions of the app including being able to message directly.***
- ***Please note that these are 2 separate apps that need to be downloaded from your app store.***
- ***If you are using the web based platform at <https://app.seesaw.me/#/login> - please ensure that you click the correct log in box.***



The login contains all required information to create a family account. Seesaw can be accessed via iOS, Android and all computers with Chrome and Firefox browsers.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D Reynolds  
Head Teacher

