Grovedale West
Primary School
Linking Learning to Life

Seesaw
The Learning Journal

**See Saw Digital Portfolios 2019
Your Child's Learning Journey
The Excitement Continues!**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We truly value the home-school learning partnership at GWPS and continuing on from a very successful year we will continue to use Seesaw, a secure online digital portfolio, to strengthen this partnership.

Through Seesaw you will be able to share the learning journey of your child throughout the year across all areas of school life (Literacy, Maths, Inquiry projects, the Arts, Science and the 6C's). Your children and their teachers will add photos, videos, writing, drawings, voice recordings and so much more. We hope that you will feel a real connection to what is happening in the classroom.

Leading educational research shows us that quality teacher/student feedback has one of the biggest positive impacts on students learning. Using the See Saw portfolio is providing students an opportunity to develop their feedback and reflection skills. The portfolio will specifically encourage individual reflection and teacher to student feedback. Seesaw becomes a place not only where student work can be stored, but where teachers and parents can provide encouragement, constructive feedback, and suggestions for improvement.

Seesaw digital portfolios are private and only accessible by the teacher, students and parents. Parents can only access their child's portfolio if they have a Seesaw Parent Account. The details of how to connect with the portfolio are included with this letter and if you need any support in connecting please speak to your classroom teacher. Parents can only access their own child's journals and do not have access to view the other journals in the class.

Once you are linked into the portfolio you will be able to see all the content that has been added from any computer or other devices such as tablets and smart phones with an easy to use app. From then on you will be notified every time your child makes a new entry for the rest of the year. You will have regular updates on the learning journey your child is undertaking and this is an incredibly exciting thing! Another bonus is that there is an option for you to comment and respond to your child as they celebrate their learning. We hope this will help motivate students, provide another audience for their

learning and will also provide another way (in addition to the existing twice yearly formal reports) that you can track your child's learning progress!

As with all online services we already use at school, we like to keep you informed as to the information that the service might collect and the privacy information. Seesaw has a robust privacy policy (details available below), however, it does collect information, for example your child's first name and the initial of their surname only, photos, videos and voice recordings made by your child or their teacher. These are encrypted during transfer [Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) Certificate] to the highly secure, access-controlled data centres where they are stored.

Some of the content may also include images of your child with other children at GWPS, such as a buddy doing a joint project presentation, or playing sport or putting on a performance.

The portfolio and the content it contains remains the property of GWPS and if you wish to take your portfolio with you on leaving GWPS this can be downloaded, removed from Seesaw and provided to you.

We are excited about this new way to strengthen the learning partnership between home and school and develop student learning. As you know, GWPS is always looking for new and innovative ways to build a strong and thriving learning community. We hope you will feel as excited about this new era in working together for our children as we are.

For those of you who would like further details there is a short introduction to Seesaw available at
https://youtu.be/pzlrtDR84KY

Further Parent & Guardian Privacy information
Use of Seesaw as a Digital Portfolio Platform

1. The Seesaw online tool ('Seesaw') is hosted by the US company Seesaw Learning Inc. You can learn more about Seesaw by visiting http://web.seesaw.me/

2. Seesaw has a robust privacy policy found at https://app.seesaw.me/about/privacy.

3. Seesaw may include videos of your child/children at work or making a presentation, photos of the child/children at work, photos of their work or work samples, which could include the student's first name. When your child is working with another student or in a group their image may also appear on other students portfolios. These images and personal information may be stored on servers in the USA.

4. Seesaw is password protected and only our school's participating families will have access to their own child's work and related personal information.