## Seesaw for home learning

As home learning continues we've been busy researching a way to feel more connected to families and children. Seesaw is an online learning platform that allows children and teachers to connect and share. At Wooler First School and Glendale Middle School we're going to use it alongside with what is already being published on the Home Learning sections of our website. We'd appreciate your support in engaging with it by getting logged on and signed up by following the instructions overleaf. Here's a quick summary of what it can do.
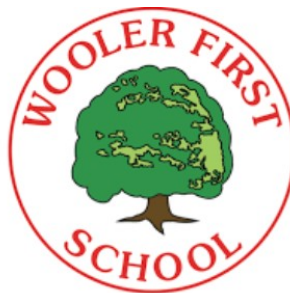
Glendale Community

Middle School

We'd like children to continue working on the tasks set on the website but in order for children / staff to feel more connected, we'd love that work to be shared on Seesaw. Teachers can then respond by leaving a message of encouragement to spur the learning on. These will be messages of encouragement, rather than 'marking'. Communication will only take place during normal school hours. Other children in the class cannot see the work and it is in a private closed group only accessible by a code which will be sent out to you. Again, this is not compulsory and it is entirely up to you how much you engage on the app but we'd love to rebuild our community online by engaging with as many children and families as we can.

Form tutors and class teachers will continue to post tasks to the school website through-out the week for children to complete at home and share on Seesaw. We will also set 'fun' activities and challenges for children to join in with. As with all home learning activities, these are not compulsory and if on that day you've baked a cake, built a den, or completed some art, of course you can share that with teachers too! The whole point of this is that we stay connected and work together in a way that works best for us all.

We'd love your support on this and it will only work if as many of you engage and sign up for it as possible. Information on how to do this is on the next page.

Learning at Home is Different...

⇒ A child's **home is a powerful learning environment**.

⇒ It is **not realistic to replicate the school day** at home.

⇒ Remote learning is most effective when activities **integrate the home environment and relationships**.

⇒ Teachers and families **need to work together**.

⇒ We need to **support students to work independently** *and* **give families tools** to support their child.

Based on research by Epstein, Mapp, Moll, Yosso, and The Developmental Assets® Framework

To the left is evidence published from Seesaw, our reasons for doing this are clear. We miss teaching your children and want to help as much as we can.

Get the Seesaw Class App

Your child will use the **Seesaw Class app** for home learning. **If your home device is a tablet or phone,** download or update the Seesaw Class app in your device's app store. The most recent version of Seesaw is required for home learning. *App update is required!* **If your home device is a laptop or computer,** visit app.seesaw.me.
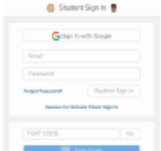
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How To for Students:
Home Learning with Seesaw

It also works on laptops / computers.

https://web.seesaw.me/

Follow these steps or watch a video

CLASS
app.seesaw.me

STEP 1: Download or update the Seesaw Class app on your device or go to app.seesaw.me to get started. *App update is required!*

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STEP 2: Click '**I'm a Student**' to log in with your Home Learning Code.

NOTE: Your teacher may have sent your Home Learning Code on a handout like this or in an email or text message.

You'll receive a code Friday 1st of May by text message.

STEP 3: Enter your Home Learning Text Code or scan your Home Learning QR Code when you see this page.
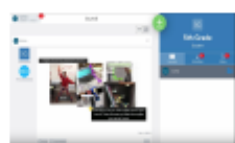
STEP 4: Once logged in, you will be in your student journal where you can create posts, complete activities, and see Announcements from your teacher.

Activities

STEP 5: To see activities from your teacher, tap the Activities tab (*on the right side under class name*).

⊕ Add response

STEP 6: Click '**Add Response**' to respond.

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**STEP 7:** Always press the green check to save work to your journal.

Inbox

STEP 8: To see Announcements from your teacher, tap the inbox tab (*on the right side under class name*)

Seesaw for home learning (A quick guide)

If you visit the Seesaw website there are many guides on how to use it and Youtube videos, there's a lot of information so below I'll share with you the highlights of what to expect when logging in and the basic functions we'll be using at GMS and WFS.

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When logging in your child will only be able to see their class. This is the journal page. The green add button at the top is for adding any work or pictures they'd like to share with their teacher. This will then appear on the journal page. The teacher must approve this first before it appears. As with anything, make sure it's appropriate. Anything not appropriate will be deleted.
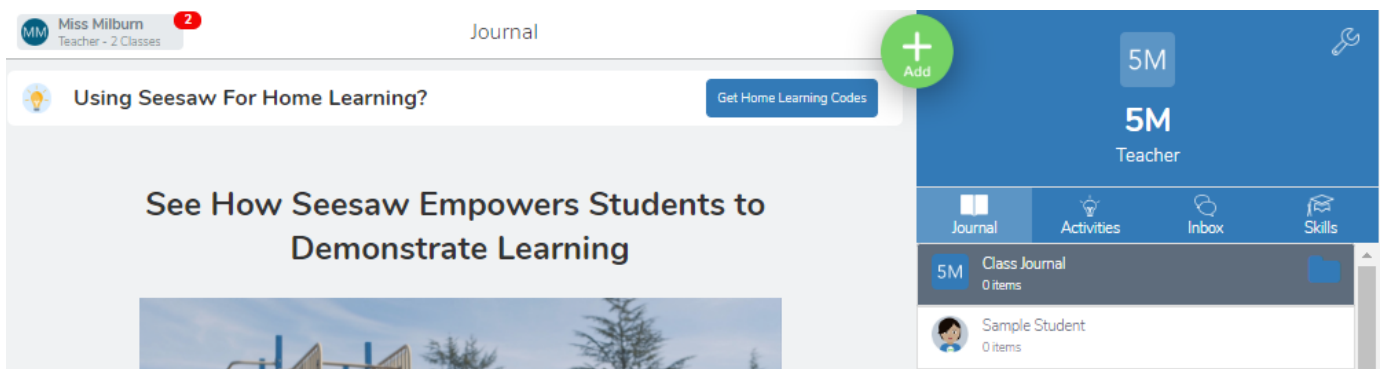
Next the activities function (see below) any activities your teacher/tutor has set for you will appear here. Click the green add response button to add any completed work or a summary. It's acceptable for a paragraph to be added here online or if you'd prefer to write something up, take a picture then add your response. You'll be able to see assigned, scheduled and archived (past work) in this section too.
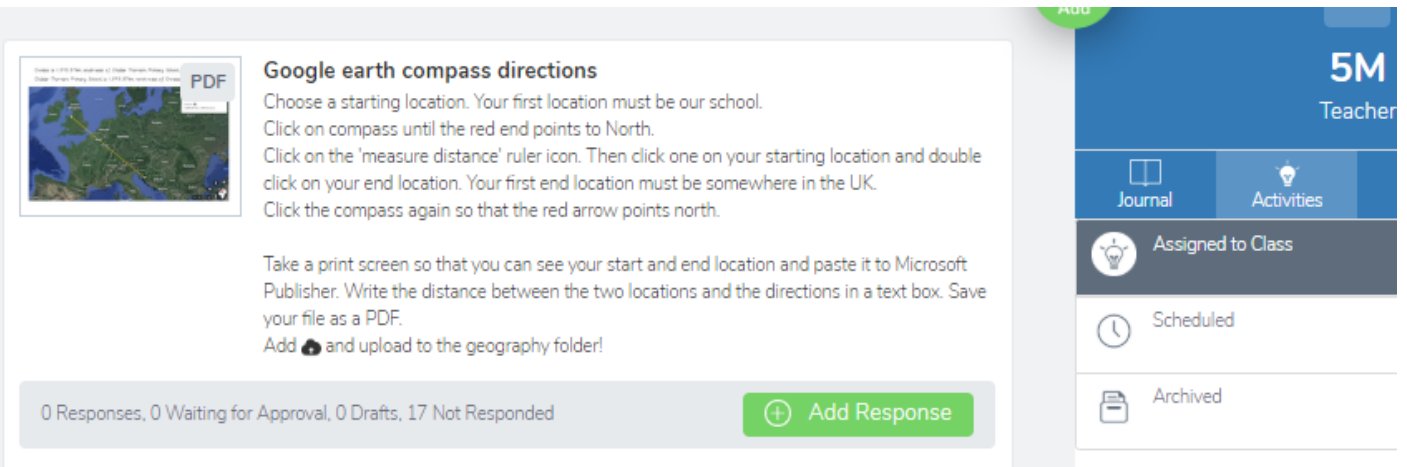
Finally, the inbox function. This allows your tutor/teacher to share updates with you and message you an update. As you can see below this is a general message to the whole this which you are able to respond to but not directly inbox a class teacher (for obvious reasons). You also are unable to message other members of your class.