

Dear parents,

Following last night's announcement regarding school closure from next Monday onwards, myself and Sarah Joannès would like to give you some information for the CE2 Anglo class. We have anticipated the school closure and have been busy this week making preparations. We will stay in close contact with parents via email so please keep an eye on your inbox! For now, let us introduce to you the platform that we will be using to continue our teaching and learning from home...Seesaw!

Seesaw

We introduced the platform to students yesterday (Thursday) and will be giving the students present today another chance to try it out in today's lesson.

Seesaw is an online virtual learning platform. It is accessible in two ways:

Web based: [Seesaw](#)

Table/iPad app: [Seesaw](#)

We recommend using the app where possible (rather than a laptop/computer), as it is easier to take photos/videos. However, we understand that not all students have access to a tablet/iPad and so we will always give alternative options when completing an activity. (The app could also be on a smart phone to make it easier to take a photo, then continue working on a laptop.)

We will be making a short 'How-To' video for parents to give you a little introduction to the platform and will share with you as soon as it's ready! We'll also be available for questions via email so please don't hesitate to contact us! To log into the Seesaw class, I have attached a QR code that must be scanned. We have given the code to the students also (glued into their home/school correspondence books.)

We plan to have 6 hours of activities per week, but haven't quite worked out the structure as of yet...stay tuned!

Screen time

We understand that an online virtual classroom will require a lot of 'screen time', however, after having considered a variety of options, we feel that this will be the best way to keep the students engaged and active in their learning and will allow them to keep in contact with me and each other - the social side of things will be important to maintain if we are going to be at home for an extended period of time!

We'd like to try and maintain a classroom atmosphere where possible, which may require the children to post videos or photos of them presenting their work. All photos and videos will remain private within the Seesaw group. **If you do not wish for your child to feature in videos/photos please let us know and we will provide alternative ways for them to show their learning.**

This is a new challenge for all of us, so we cannot say exactly how things will progress with this online learning platform. But we are excited to get started and to see what new experiences will be presented to us! Myself and Sarah Joannès are just an email away so don't hesitate to contact us for any reason, however small.

Good luck everyone!

Katrina Fullerton & Sarah Joannès