Hartford Infant and Preschool Seesaw Guidelines
[for Parents/Carers]

What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is a platform for student engagement. Teachers can empower students to create, reflect, share, and collaborate. Students "show what they know" using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It's simple to get student work in one place and share with families. What is Seesaw? – Seesaw Help Center

How is Seesaw used at Hartford Infant and Preschool in Key Stage 1?

Seesaw will be used to record and enhance learning **across all areas of the curriculum in KS1**, where appropriate. It will not be the main source of evidence; it will be used in conjunction with books. For example, Seesaw may be used to record practical learning in maths, along with written evidence in a child's maths book across lessons.

Posts on Seesaw may be added by teachers. These are usually photographs or videos of the children's learning and include a 'comment'. All posts on Seesaw will be organised in subject specific folders. Where photographs and videos are used as evidence for **one child**, staff will try to ensure that they are not including other children in the image/video, if other children are in the background, they will not be identifiable.

Class teachers will use the evidence on posts to support them in their assessment judgements. Seesaw will also be used as evidence to support moderation and summative judgements made across all terms.

Posts on Seesaw may also added by the children in response to an activity that has been assigned by the teacher in a lesson. From the beginning of Year 1 the children are taught how to log onto Seesaw, find, respond to and submit an assigned activity. Many activities will have teacher recorded explanations for the children in addition to the activity being modelled by an adult in advance. The children can respond to an assigned activity by adding text, recording a voice note, taking and uploading a photo or image or drawing. They then tap on the green tick to submit their work.

At this stage, the children in Key Stage 1 are not expected to return to a piece of work previously submitted on Seesaw to edit or improve it. The posts are a way to record evidence of their independent, group or whole class work.

Parents/Carers

Parents/carers will have access to their child's Seesaw account. They will be able to see the observations uploaded by school staff and will be able to like and comment on these observations.

At the beginning of the Autumn term parents will be sent a 'Seesaw Announcement' with instructions on how to connect to their child's account. This also includes a link to a 'Welcome Video' from Seesaw. Teachers are able to share an 'Invite Families Link' via email to parents and carers.

Seesaw creates a triangle of communication between the teacher, parent and child. Itt does this all whilst encouraging digital citizenship and showing how we can use technology in a safe, creative way