

Remote Learning at Newbold School during the January 2021 lockdown.

During the Coronavirus Pandemic, COVID-19, Newbold School conducted home learning through an education platform called Seesaw. We will continue to use it during periods of required self isolation, where necessary. We also use it to set homework. In addition we will conduct some Zoom sessions to provide contact between staff and pupils. We will also recommend some other website learning, as appropriate, such as Joe Wicks' PE lessons. Our assemblies will be held either live on Zoom or pre-recorded on Seesaw.

How we use Seesaw

Seesaw allows teachers to set differentiated activities for their pupils online. Children upload their responses onto the journal for teachers to view. There are no live, online classes on Seesaw - instead, individual written or video-recorded feedback is given to each child on their specific learning tasks. At primary level, we believe individual feedback is better for children's progress than live online lessons and ensures quality learning. The Seesaw video tool allows teachers to provide recorded introductions to lessons and instructions for tasks. It also allows us to share educational video links or messages of encouragement to pupils.

Privacy

We set our controls to ensure children cannot view each other's work unless the teacher wishes to share a piece of work as an example of something done well. Children can see the learning that has been shared via the Seesaw blog icon. Interaction online is formal so the platform is used only for work, not casual chatting.

Safeguarding

The privacy settings we use on Seesaw ensure that online bullying cannot take place. Parents are included in the education of their children and are fully aware of the work that is set. All communication between teachers and pupils is visible to parents. Parents can communicate directly with teachers on Seesaw and all correspondence, feedback and work is archived and kept.