Welcome to Seesaw

I hope you can see that Seesaw would be a useful tool for you to use with your class and that you'll want to continue.

It is a requirement of Seesaw's terms and conditions that you obtain parental permissions to use the platform. It's probably also a requirement of your school's online safety policy (if you've adopted the Herefordshire template it will be).

Over the page you'll find a sample letter that you can use for this purpose. You can download it at herefordshirecomputing.com/seesaw. If you don't intend using Seesaw to share work with parent you will want to edit the first paragraph.

Seesaw is an American company and the majority of data is stored on servers in the USA. Amazon Web Servers actually host their data – they have very rigorous systems in place to protect data. Most especially they adhere to the principles of the Privacy Shield Framework (a US / EU agreement that protects EU data stored outside the USA).

There are also things you can do to protect the privacy of your children (recommended by Seesaw):

- Use Class Code sign in for students (instead of email / Google sign in).
- Use only children's first names.
- Avoid taking pictures of children's faces and instead focus on their work.

If you are in any doubt or would like to know more about Seesaw's terms and conditions and approach to privacy you will find many pages on their website starting at https://help.seesaw.me – go to *About Seesaw* then look at the *Trust and Safety* section.

You can download this document with the sample parent permission letter at herefordshirecomputing.com/seesaw.

Dear Parent,

Our class is going to be using an online tool called Seesaw, it's a secure online learning journal where children can create and upload their work to document their learning. Your child will add things like photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings to their Seesaw journal. In the fullness of time, if you choose, you can also sign up for a free Seesaw family account, download the family app to your phone (giving you access to your child's learning journal) and choose be notified when your child adds new content. We'll tell you more about that in due course. Seesaw journals are private and only accessible by the teacher, students, and parents.

It is a requirement of Seesaw's terms and conditions that we gain parental permission to use their platform and we would like to do that now. Seesaw has a thoroughly robust privacy policy (https://app.seesaw.me/about/privacy) and has committed never to share your child's personal information or journal content.

I hope that your child will enjoy using Seesaw to document and share their learning this year. You can learn more about Sesaw by visiting http://web.seesaw.me/

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Please sign below and return the form.

I give consent for my child, listed below, to use Seesaw for class activities.

Student name: _____

Parent printed name: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____