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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to share with you that this coming school year, we will all be moving away from Teams and using Seesaw (<http://seesaw.me>), a secure online journal where students can document and reflect on what they are learning in class. Your child will be able to add the things we work on (including photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings) to their Seesaw journal and we can share them privately with you and other family members to view and comment on throughout the school year.

We have been trialing this in school for this term and finding out the best ways to use this in class and to showcase the children's work so you can see more of what the children are learning as they journey through Wickham Common. All the children have been set up with their own logins to use in class so that you will be able to access their work that is shared with you.

Obviously, the teaching staff will not be putting all of your child's work on Seesaw, but those pieces we feel would show progression and learning over time. These will also include work like their photos, videos or voice recordings with their account. Seesaw only uses this information to provide the service and doesn't advertise in Seesaw, create profiles of students, or share or sell your child's personal information or journal content. You can read more about their strong privacy promises here: <https://web.seesaw.me/privacy>.

Between now and the summer holidays, we wanted to trial launch with you all in our parental community to test that you are all able to access your child's platform and can navigate this. You will receive a notification this afternoon from Seesaw inviting you to view your child's journal. Please do let the school know on Monday if this has not been possible to access over the weekend.

Once the new academic year begins, we will be relaunching Seesaw to reflect the new year and your child's new class. I would like to take this opportunity to set expectations from today onward. There is an area where you as parents can message the teacher directly but this function will not be mobilised and will not be in use. Please understand that any messages sent here will not reach the teachers. The communication pathways will continue to be in place and I ask that you please continue to use our office email to communicate with the teachers.



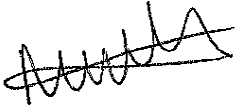
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Going forward, Seesaw will be used to access all Home learning, which I will communicate further about next week.

I hope you see this as a wonderful move towards sharing your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Williams', written over a horizontal line.

Miss Rebecca Williams
Headteacher