



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Homework

Dear Families,

I wrote to you last week, explaining that we are no longer using DB Primary; until now, this has been the learning platform through which Teachers have shared homework with children each week. Instead, we will now be using 'SeeSaw' as our new digital learning platform for children from Reception to Year 6.

Whenever setting homework, we know that achieving the right balance is never easy – what works well for one family might not always work quite so well for another. However, we *can* be absolutely sure that family life is very busy and so our hope is that using online tools continues to help, rather than be a hindrance, when sharing homework tasks. Our aim is to reinforce what children have been learning in school, develop useful life habits and involve you wherever possible.

I would like to remind you that additional support for children in Key Stage 2 is available via our free weekly Homework Club (starting from Tuesday 16th September). You simply need to inform the school office in advance, via the Arbor app, should your children wish or need to attend. A full half-term or termly commitment is not necessary but you can equally make repeated bookings if required. Please be mindful, however, that Homework Club is offered to support and is unlikely to provide sufficient time for all homework to be completed – especially reading, which is far more effectively done regularly throughout the week.

Goldstar After-School Club is another possible [payable] option which can help with homework if required. This might be useful for younger children, for whom we are not currently able to offer a separate Homework Club. If additional support is required, please do speak with the Goldstar staff when you collect your child or inform the school office when making a booking.

How to Access SeeSaw

SeeSaw can be accessed in two ways: via a web browser or by downloading the app.

Option 1: Web Browser

1. Go to <https://app.seesaw.me>
2. Click "I'm a Pupil"
3. Enter the home learning 'Text Code' provided by your child's Teacher (sent separately)
4. Your child will then be able to view and respond to homework activities

Option 2: SeeSaw App

1. Download the **SeeSaw Class App** from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android)
2. Open the app and tap **"I'm a Pupil"**
3. Enter the home learning **'Text Code'** provided by your child's Teacher (sent separately) or scan the QR code
4. Your child will be taken to their 'Homework Journal'

Important:

Your child will be given his/her **Home Learning Code or QR Code** this week. Please do keep this safe, as it is needed to access his/her account.

We will be supporting children in school to become familiar with SeeSaw and we would encourage you to explore it together at home. If you have any questions or need help accessing the platform, please speak with your child's Class Teacher.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. I know that there have been some significant 'online changes' to manage in recent months and we really appreciate your support as we get to grips with these new developments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Dawson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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