



## Information for parents- School Closure- January 2021

### Online Learning

The school will be using the Seesaw online learning platform during this school closure period due to COVID-19. The Seesaw platform is designed to be user friendly for children. As always we encourage parents to monitor and engage with pupils work but the children themselves, particularly in the senior classes, should be encouraged to take responsibility for their own management of Seesaw.

Work for the week will be provided for pupils early next week, and thereafter each Monday.

If you have any difficulties, please contact your child's teacher **by email** at the address at the bottom of this information sheet.

You should have received an email/handout from your child's teacher before Christmas, outlining what is required to login to Seesaw.

Please also see the following prompts which may be useful for you.

### **What type of device do I need?**

- Smart phone (app available or through your browser)
- Tablet (app available or through your browser)
- Laptop/Computer

### **What do I need to do?**

- If you are using a smartphone or tablet you can download the Seesaw app.
- There are two apps that you can download (**Seesaw class** or Seesaw parent and family)
- **Seesaw class** will be used by your child to complete the activities or upload their work.
- Alternatively, you can go to the [website](#) (on your phone/tablet or computer).
- Your child will have received a handout from their teacher that looks like this –



### Niamh's Home Learning Code

1. Go to <https://app.seesaw.me> on a computer. Or install the Seesaw Class App on an iOS or Android device.



2. Choose 'I'm a Student'.



3. Scan this code using Seesaw's built-in QR code scanner. Or type in these letters to access your Seesaw account: **YJOW PSPO YXLU**

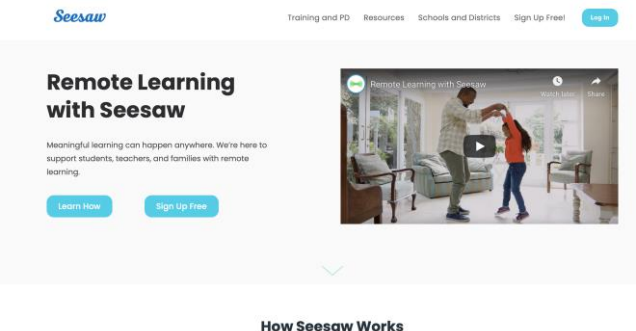

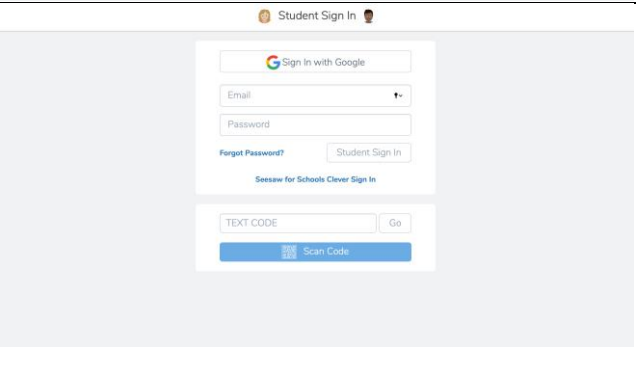


← Text code here is YJOW PSPO YXLU

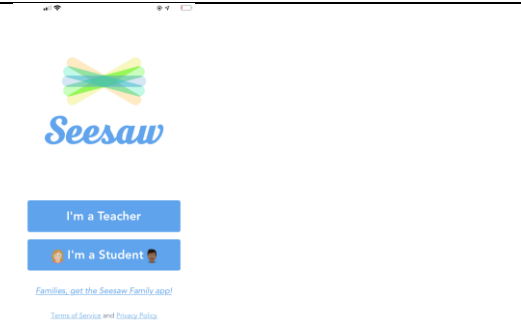
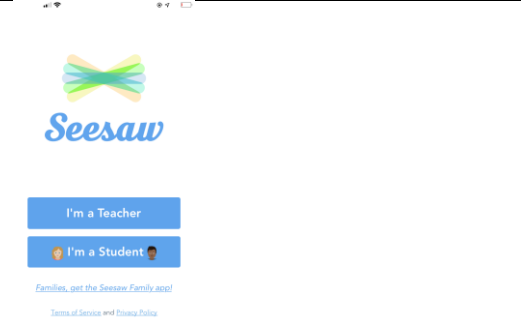
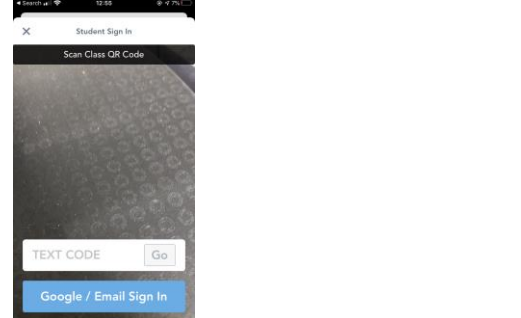


Ask your teacher for a new code after July 20, 2020.  
And remember, this code is like a password. Keep it safe!

## Using the Seesaw website:

1.		Click login on the top right-hand page
2.		Click I'm a student
3.		<p>Don't worry about the top part (e-mail).</p> <p>Enter the <u>text code</u> from the handout or alternatively click 'scan code'- your webcam will open and you can scan the QR code.</p> <p>Click go.</p>

## Using the Seesaw App:

1.		Download the <u>Seesaw Class App</u>
2.		Click <b>I'm a student</b>
3.		<p>Enter the <u>text code</u> from the handout or alternatively click 'scan code'- your webcam will open and you can scan the QR code.</p> <p>Click go.</p>

### Collection of Books

Books can be collected from the school on Tuesday next January 12<sup>th</sup> . Teachers will be in school on Monday and will organise pupil's books for collection on Tuesday. As per the collection procedure last year, the books will be distributed through the oldest child in the family. For example, if you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class, all three sets of books will be available for collection during the time period allocated to 6<sup>th</sup> Class. The following are the designated times for the collection of books from the school:

Class	Time
6 <sup>th</sup> Class (incl split)	10.00-10.40am
5 <sup>th</sup> Class (incl split)	11.00-11.40am
4 <sup>th</sup> Class	12.00pm-12.40pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	1.00-1.40pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Class, Junior & Senior Infants	2.00-2.40pm

Parents are asked to drive into the school yard. There will be three collection points located at the steps to the main entrance or adjacent to it. Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building. The books will be placed on tables at the designated collection points and parents can collect them there. Parents are asked to please wear a mask.

### ICT Devices

The school will offer a limited number of devices on loan for use by families during the school closure period. The devices will be distributed on Tuesday. If you are interested in obtaining a device, please email the school principal at [horeswoodprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:horeswoodprincipal@gmail.com). The devices will be offered on a first come first served basis. Families who are successful in obtaining a device will need to collect a form and return it in the SAE provided on Tuesday. **Please notify the school Principal by 11.00am on Monday, January 11th** if you are interested in receiving a device on loan from the school.

### School Lunches

The school will be working with the school meals provider, Fresh Today to provide food provision boxes to all families in the school. **Please contact the school office by email at [horeswoodns@gmail.com](mailto:horeswoodns@gmail.com) before 11.00am on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> if you do not wish to receive a school provision box.**

Fresh Today will organise delivery of the food boxes as before.

### Contacting your child's teacher

Please see email contact details for teachers below:

Teacher	Email address
Anna O'Hanlon	Juniorinfants@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Lenora Warner	seniorinfants@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Sabrina Nolan	firstclass@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Louise Cosgrove	secondclass@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Aisling Doyle	secondandthirdclass@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Niamh Hannigan	thirdclass@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Ann O'Dwyer	Fourthclass1@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Michelle Doyle	Fourthclass2@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Ger Radford	fifthclass@scoilmhuierecampile.com
Joe Mooney	fifthandsixthclass@scoilmhuierecampile.com

Darren Keating	sixthclass@scoilmhuirecampile.com
Evelyn O'Connor	SEN1@scoilmhuirecampile.com
Louise Collins/Patricia Barnwell	SEN2@scoilmhuirecampile.com
Emma Hennessy	SEN3@scoilmhuirecampile.com
Miriam Roche	SEN4@scoilmhuirecampile.com

The school office can be contacted at [horeswoodns@gmail.com](mailto:horeswoodns@gmail.com) and the school principal can be contacted at [horeswoodprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:horeswoodprincipal@gmail.com).

Please also see the school website [www.scoilmhuirecampile.com](http://www.scoilmhuirecampile.com) for school closure information under *School Closure-COVID-19* on the menu tab.

### **Special Educational Needs**

It is hoped that over the coming days the SEN team will be in contact with pupils who receive SEN support. The SNA's will also be in contact by telephone.

### **Other Important Information**

During the last school closure period a number of families had difficulties engaging with online learning. If you are experiencing difficulties, please make contact through your child's class teacher. We will do our utmost to support families and pupils during these challenging times.

It is planned that teachers will make contact with pupils and parents via video **or** by phone. Your child's teacher will discuss this with you.

Internet connectivity was identified as an issue for many families during the last school closure period. If internet connectivity is an issue, please indicate this to your child's teacher. We fully understand that this is beyond your control.

The school website contains some useful links for parents and pupils. This information is located under the *School Closure-COVID-19* tab on the menu.

I urge all families to please look after themselves during the current lockdown. We only ask that you do whatever you can with regards to online learning. All our homes are very different spaces and we absolutely acknowledge this. If you are finding something difficult or something is not working for you, **then leave it** and just let your child's teacher know. We will do our best to support the children in whatever way we can.

Every best wish and take care.

*Brian Flood*  
Principal

