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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all the kind and encouraging messages that we have received at school from so many of you over the last week. Despite the challenging circumstances we all now find ourselves in, there is so much love, kindness, compassion and goodness in our school and home communities. This will carry us through this time and hopefully make us stronger. The clapping on so many streets (including mine) at 8pm last night was a wonderful sign of support for the NHS, as well as for one another and the fantastic community we have!

I am sure you have all had an incredibly different week, as we adjust to this temporary new way of life. We have missed seeing you and the children each day in school, but it has been amazing to see how adaptable and creative we can be. The activities happening at home, that we are already hearing about from so many of you, are great. Our aim is to make all the home learning as flexible, independent and fun as possible. We are aware that many of you are working from home as well as looking after your children, so please be kind to yourselves and be flexible with your children. We know that children love routines and that they learn best when they are involved in leading their own learning. So using the information we share with you, along with other ideas of your own, please encourage your children to get involved in planning and choosing a range of activities each day to suit your circumstances.

On Monday, there will be new 'Learning at Home' activity information uploaded to your child's year group page on our website. If your child has been assessed as working at a year group other than the one they are in, please feel free to access the activities on the other year group's pages. If any parents need the activity lists and information printing out because you do not have internet access, please call or email the admin team.

<https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/classes>

In addition, there is also some specialist subject activity ideas and information created by our specialist teachers to help with additional activities. Please check out our Art, P.E., Music and Maths curriculum pages for now. Other subject areas will have ideas added to them in the coming weeks.

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Also, please don't forget Mr Knowles' daily workout videos. He has even managed to persuade me to join in – so if I can, you can too!

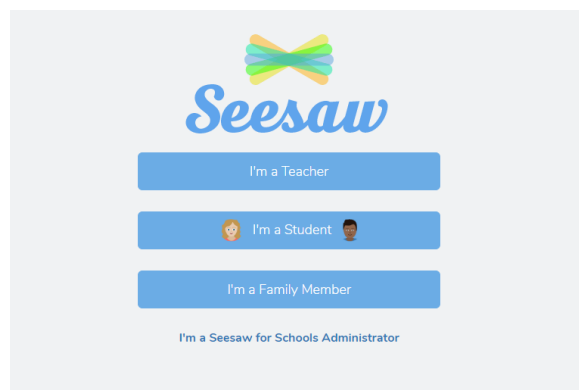
<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC3AdUs8CKv7t6DPRg7GBROA>

After the school holidays, the weekly list of activities which we put on our website's class pages will be uploaded by Friday 5pm ready for the following week, starting from Friday 17th April. By uploading the week's activities before the weekend, those parents and carers who would like to familiarise themselves with the work, before the week begins, are able to do so.

We will continue to share the learning we would like children to do at home in the same format, however, by using Seesaw, the children can share what they have done with the class teacher and get feedback. In Nursery and Reception, the children will continue to do the same using Tapestry. We hope this will help motivate the children to continue to learn, whilst also making the work more purposeful. For this to happen for children in Years 1 to 6, we need you to download the Seesaw app.

Mr P (A teacher who works with schools to embed technology to transform learning) has made a really helpful video which explains how to download the app and log in using the unique home learning code. Please click on the link below to see it.

<https://youtu.be/W9FyB1SCbeM>



At a later date, staff will begin to share the week's activities using Seesaw. However, we are conscious we don't want to overload parents and carers who are already trying to juggle home and work simultaneously. Therefore, as this is new to both families and staff, for now we will only be using Seesaw for the children to share their work with their class teachers.

The Year 5 team and some of the classes in year 6 sent home QR codes before the school building closed last Friday. However, the children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 will be receiving home sign in codes next week. As soon as you receive your personal code, please download the app ready to share the work your child has done for after the school holidays.



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The children in Early Years already have Tapestry, which we encourage parents and carers to continue to use to share what their child has been learning at home. Therefore, Nursery and Reception families do not need to download Seesaw.

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families, and stay safe at home.

Best wishes,

Liz Hardy
Headteacher