



Wednesday 8th February 2023

Dear parent / carers,

School Communication Methods

After speaking with some parents this week, I wanted to touch base with the entire school community to give an overview of our methods of communication between school and home. I am aware that, at present, we have a number of ways that communication can be made and, at times, this can become confusing.

Looking into the future, we are waiting for the Education Authority to release a communication tool that will cover all bases including an option for online payment. I am aware that the EA have started the process of sourcing a suitable product and it should be with school in the next year.



SeeSaw is the line of direct communication between the class teacher and the parent. We will try to use this method to communicate with home as much as possible. An update on the use of SeeSaw was sent out to parents and carers recently via SeeSaw.



Schools NI APP is an app that is automatically linked to our school website. ANYTHING that is added to the website will immediately appear on the Schools NI App. The app is also used to send out messages to the WHOLE SCHOOL. If you have not been receiving notifications from this app recently, please delete the app and download it again.

If you have not yet downloaded the school app, search for Schools NI in your app store. Once downloaded, search for our school, Victoria Primary School. Once you click on Victoria Primary that's you all signed up – it's as EASY as that. 😊



Text Messages will be used from time to time. This is when an urgent announcement needs to be made to certain classes, year group or individual children – the app does not give us the option to message specific parents. A text message will also be used when we send out a link to a form for parents to fill in – this is to reduce the amount of paper we are sending out, particularly in terms of consent forms etc. It may be that only 1 parent will receive a text message.



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I really appreciate your help in terms of supporting communication between school and home. Hopefully, as we move into a new academic year, a more streamlined system will be available via the Education Authority.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Fulton'.

Mr C. Fulton
Principal