



# Distance Learning @ St Andrew's School

**A focus on exploring, setting and creating  
learning activities using Seesaw**

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# How Do Activities Work?



**Teachers** find or create activities to share with students.



**Students** take pics, draw, record videos and more to capture learning in a portfolio.



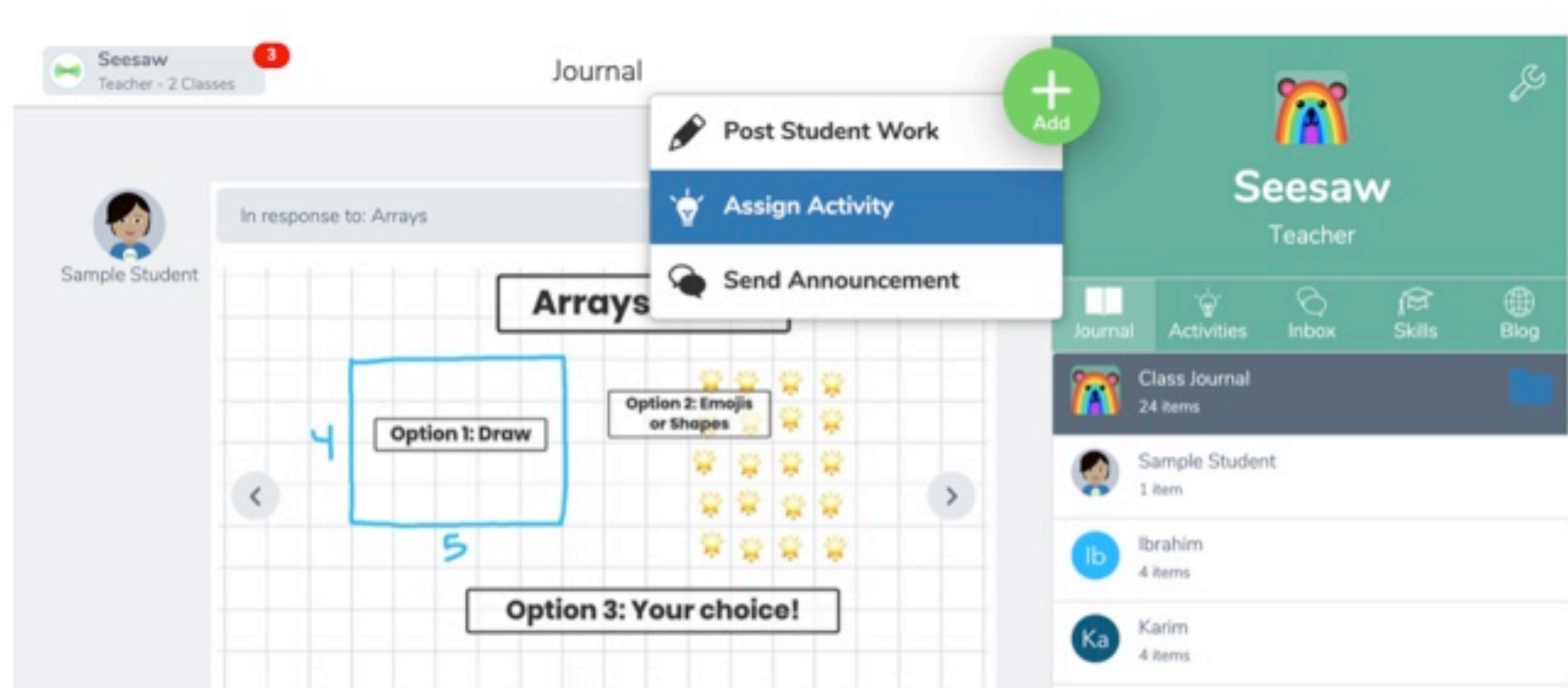
**Families** see their child's work and leave comments and encouragement.

## Seesaw Activity Library

The Seesaw Activity Library is a tool that connects our incredible community. By showcasing the passion and expertise of our amazing Ambassador community, we hope to help new teachers understand Seesaw and get started using Seesaw in their classroom more quickly!

## Browsing the Activity Library

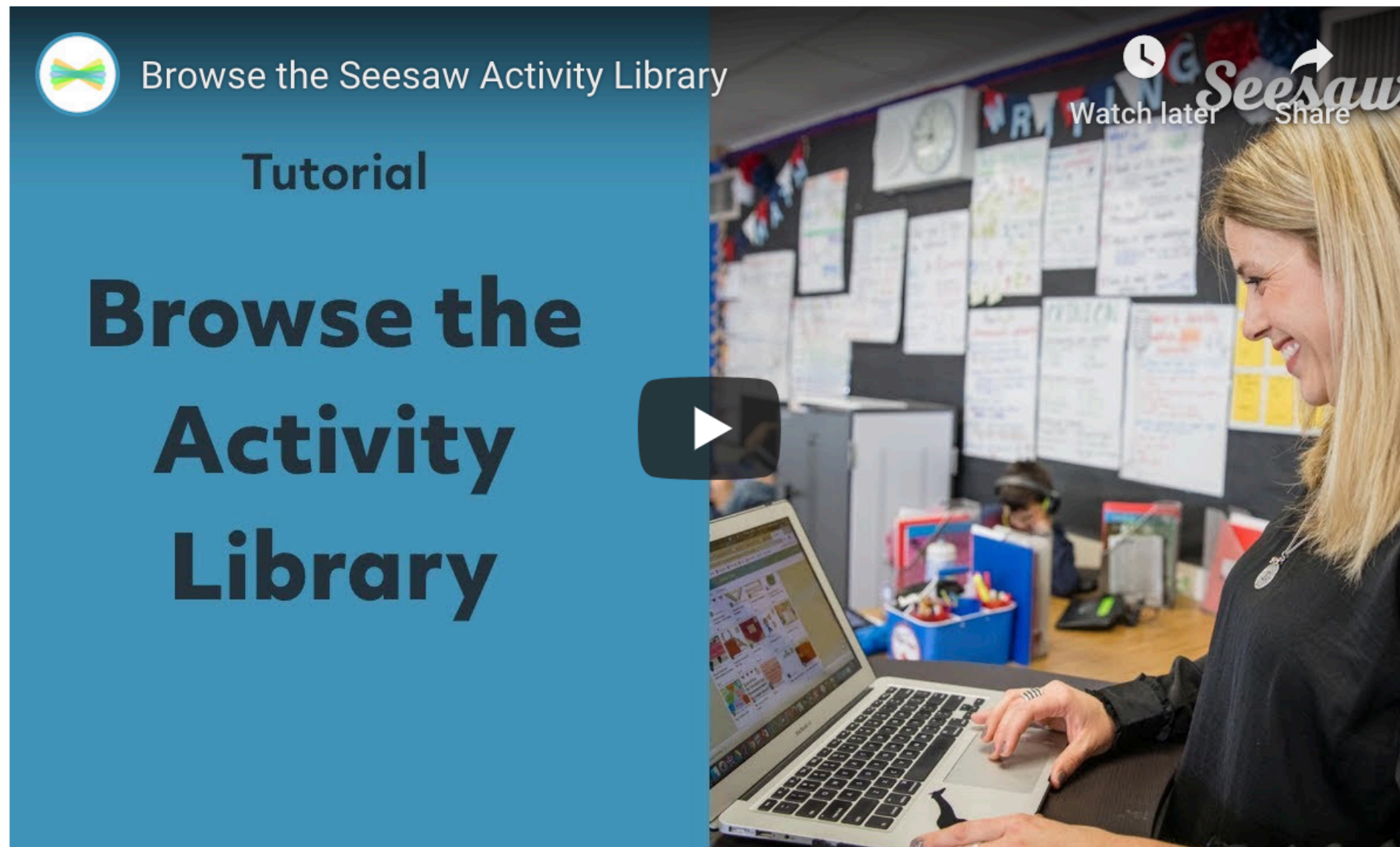
If you haven't explored the Activity Library already, sign into Seesaw and tap on the green Add button. From there, tap "Assign Activity."



You'll be taken to "My Library" where any activities you have saved and created live. To browse activities created by our community, click on the "Community" tab and explore tons of activities created by teachers like you. You can browse by grade level, subject area, collections of like-activities, or search for exactly what you want. Watch below to see how to browse and save activities.



Note: In the videos below, you will see the old green Add button menu. As a reminder, to access the Activity Library - including to create and assign your own activities - you need to click the green Add button then Assign Activity.



Please click this link: [https://youtu.be/mK\\_XVwDgpa4](https://youtu.be/mK_XVwDgpa4)

**Task:** Go and browse the Seesaw Library for an activity you would like to set for distance learning this week. Once you find an activity you like, click on the ❤️ :like: button

## Share Activities

Once you've saved your favorite activities, you can share them with students as-is or modify them to better suit your classroom needs. In the video below, we'll show how to share activities with students, including how to select specific students and choose folders.



Please click this link: <https://youtu.be/rXupYI3JgZU>

**Task:** Remember the activity you liked earlier, let's try sharing that activity with your sample student on Seesaw now. Have a go!



**Here is a video that shows how students will respond to your set activities:**



**Please click this link:** <https://youtu.be/xEjBX7qRnYg>

## Edit & Create Activities

You can edit activities you find in the Community Activity Library, or you can create your own! This saves you time and means fewer copies. Who doesn't want that? Watch the videos below to see how to edit and create activities.



Please click this link: <https://youtu.be/VWblxKwxSO8>

# How to Create Your Own Activities



The screenshot shows the 'Create a New Activity' page in Seesaw. At the top left is the Seesaw logo. The title 'Create a New Activity in Seesaw' is followed by 'New Activity'. On the top right are icons for 'Watch later' (clock) and 'Share' (arrow). The form includes a text input for 'Activity Name (required)' with the placeholder 'e.g. Writer's Workshop', a larger text area for 'Student Instructions' with the placeholder 'Type instructions for your students...', a button '+ Add Multimedia Instructions or Example', a section for 'Student Template' with the note 'Students will respond directly on top of this template. Photos, drawings, and notes work best.', another button '+ Add Template for Student Responses', and a 'More Options' link with a right arrow. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right. A blue video overlay with the text 'Create an Activity in Seesaw' and a play button icon is centered over the form.

**Please click this link:** <https://youtu.be/rO7M1ZVtMdU>



## Icon Shortcuts

Seesaw icons are a great tool for making Activity instructions accessible for all students. You can use the shortcuts below to create Seesaw icons in your activity instructions. Once you tap the preview button, the icons will appear. Here's how to use icon shortcuts.



Please click this link: <https://youtu.be/Eq4GoPmiZ5A>

# Seesaw Icon Shortcuts



Use these shortcuts in the "Student Instructions" portion of Activities. Type in the text shortcut and it will transform into the icon after you choose SAVE!

Icon	Text Shortcut	Icon	Text Shortcut	Icon	Text Shortcut
	:seesaw:		:label:		:move:
	:add:		:mic:		:pencil:
	:photo:		:3dots:		:pen:
	:video:		:background:		:highlighter:
	:drawing:		:shapes:		:glowpen:
	:upload:		:caption:		:eraser:
	:note:		:undo:		:arrow:
	:link:		:redo:		:pause:
	:cameraroll:		:check:		:plus:
	:like:		:comment:		:blog:

**These are the shortcuts you can use  
When creating your own activities.**

**I will email this document and have  
Printed copies available in our  
Staff PD session.**

**For those of you who like to keep your resources organised, you can save your activities in collections in Seesaw. The link below explains how:**

### Organize in Collections

When you've saved lots of activities, you may want to organize them into collections.

Watch this quick video to learn how.



**Please click this link:** <https://youtu.be/6AarTLDxzfk>



**This is for people wanting to explore this feature in more detail:**

### Advanced Activity Sharing

When you share an activity you can tag the activity to specific students, folders, and skills. This can help a teacher differentiate instruction, stay organized, and save time rating skills.



**Please click this link:** <https://youtu.be/SQ46phWCg54>

**Now that you know how to create activities,  
shouldn't you share what you've made?**

**If you feel like sharing your work you can save your activities and share them with  
our school community.**

#### School & District Libraries

With our paid version Seesaw for Schools, teachers can share activities to a school library so they are accessible to teachers in their school. Watch the video below to see how.



**Please click this link:**

**<https://youtu.be/jIV3eP0bSdo>**

For districts using Seesaw for Schools, teachers and administrators can publish to the District Activity Library. Every teacher at the school and/or district will be able to use this activity by tapping School & District Activities in the Activity tab.

# Questions?

**I have made this Seesaw document available to you on my blog:**

<https://jadevidovich.edublogs.org/>

**This has some frequently asked questions about distant learning and Seesaw that you might find useful, including home learning codes, making announcements and sharing with families etc.**

**I will also email this around to St Andrew's staff.**

Seesaw

REMOTE LEARNING WITH SEESAW

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Setting Up Home Learning Codes

**Is an app update required?**

- Yes. Please make sure that students have the most recent version of the Seesaw CLASS app download on their home device. Students using computers can visit [app.seesaw.me](http://app.seesaw.me).

**What is the difference between Home Learning Codes and how students normally log in?**

- Home Learning Codes allow students to sign in to the Seesaw CLASS app from home while protecting students' privacy. Students can add posts, respond to activities, view announcements, and leave comments on their own work. Students cannot see or comment on other students' work. To log in, students type in a text code or scan a QR code, like they normally do in class.

**Do I need to change any Class Settings?**

- No.

**My students currently use email addresses or Clever badges to sign in. Do I have to use Home Learning Codes?**

- If your students are used to signing in with an email address or Clever badge, they can continue to do so at home. To protect students' privacy, you should turn OFF 'Students can see each other's work' in Class Settings.

**My students use a Class Code to sign in, and students cannot see each other's work. Do I need to use Home Learning Codes?**

- We do recommend students use Home Learning Codes, because codes are unique to each student and prevent students from logging in/posting as other students while at home.

**I need to print new Home Learning Codes. Do the old codes expire?**

- Home Learning Codes expire after 90 days. Teachers can generate new codes anytime. Generating a new code does not expire existing codes; up to 50 codes per student will remain valid at any given time. If a student's code needs to be deactivated, email [help@seesaw.me](mailto:help@seesaw.me).