



Dear West Winds Primary School Community,

We are writing to let you know about an incident that occurred related to Seesaw, the actions that were taken, and how seriously both our school and the entire Seesaw team takes this incident.

What happened

This morning, we learned that a link to an inappropriate message was being shared via the Messages feature within Seesaw. The Seesaw platform itself was not compromised, however specific individual user accounts were used to send this inappropriate message.

The incident was led by an outside actor (meaning that the inappropriate message was *not* created by the sender of the message or by the school). It occurred as a result of a coordinated external attempt to guess user account passwords associated with this group of user accounts.

What actions were taken

The Seesaw team took several immediate actions to contain and address this issue. Messages was turned OFF for all users while the issue was investigated. It has been enabled again only after the necessary actions were taken to ensure the security of accounts. To learn more about the details of what action was taken, you can visit status.seesaw.me

Important information for you

- If your account was compromised, your password was reset and you have already received an email notifying you of this.
- It is essential that you always use best practices to ensure your password is [secure](https://www.cisa.gov/uscert/ncas/current-activity/2018/03/27/Creating-and-Managing-Strong-Passwords): <https://www.cisa.gov/uscert/ncas/current-activity/2018/03/27/Creating-and-Managing-Strong-Passwords>
- Seesaw takes protecting your security and privacy seriously and there are a number of measures in place to protect the integrity of your information. You can learn more [here](https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/203258429-How-Seesaw-keeps-student-data-safe): <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/203258429-How-Seesaw-keeps-student-data-safe>
- We recommend that you refresh your web browser and if using Seesaw on a mobile device, you can update your device to the latest app version (version 8.1.2, released today) and re-launch Seesaw **or** close and re-open the Seesaw app (Here are instructions to close [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices).

The safety and privacy of our teachers, students, and families is our number one priority and we are all taking this incident extremely seriously. If you have any questions or concerns for the Seesaw team, please [reach out here](https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/requests/new): <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/requests/new>

Sincerely,

West Winds Primary School

