



St Joseph's School supports and encourages the use of technology to enhance and facilitate learning. Our goal is to ensure that learner interaction with technology contributes positively to the learning environment at school and in the community. The use of the learning platforms mentioned in this document is important as it will help prepare for the potential of home learning due to COVID-19.

St Joseph's provides education and supervision to ensure learners understand and comply with the safe, legal and responsible use of technology and the information accessed by its use. The privacy of your child is paramount when it comes to digital learning platforms.

The following online learning platforms may be used at St Joseph's School:

- G Suite
- Seesaw
- Freshgrade
- Class Dojo

All of these are learning platforms. They are ways to share and collect learning experiences. These platforms not only allow for distance learning but also can enhance in class learning. They allow for increased collaboration, communication and creative expression. Please note that regardless of what stage of learning we're in, they will only be one part of your child's education and not the entirety of it.

In any of the above mentioned platforms none of your child's personal data is shared beyond authorised users (staff, child's parent, and child). Since learning is a social activity and images/videos may display your child learning with others, consideration should be taken to not post or share on social media any content within your child's online learning portfolio that may contain the name and/or likeness of other learners in the class unless their parents have given permission. As a result your child's picture may end up in your child's portfolio (eg for a group picture).

Freshgrade's data is stored on Canadian servers and is password protected. The information on your child's portfolio can only be accessed by you, your child (for some grades) and your child's teacher(s). For Freshgrade, "data security and user privacy are our number one priority". See how they protect learner data at <https://freshgrade.com/privacy-policy/>

Seesaw is an online portfolio tool much like Freshgrade but simpler and better for early primary learners. It is an American company with servers in the US. More about Seesaw's commitment to privacy can be found at <https://web.seesaw.me/privacy-policy>

G Suite offers more control and protection than an individual Google account. This will allow learners to communicate and collaborate with peers and teachers. The tools and resources are provided by Google and all files and information is stored on Google servers, which may be

located anywhere in the world and subject to the laws of that country. If you would like more information on how Google protects the privacy and information of its users, please see this link: <https://www.google.com/edu/trust/>

All Google applications that will be used will be restricted as the school manages learner access to ensure that sharing is limited only to our school's domains (learners and staff). Any documents or information created within or uploaded onto the G Suite platform by learners may contain personal information reasonable for educational purposes (e.g. a learner's name on an assignment).

ClassDojo is an educational technology company. It connects primary school teachers, learners and families through communication features. Their servers are located in the US, so data might be transferred to the US. Their privacy policy can be found at <https://www.classdojo.com/privacy/>

Your child's information is protected by Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George Diocese' Policy 121: Personal Information Privacy Policy and PIPA. Safeguarding personal information of parents, learners, and staff is a fundamental concern of Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George.

Thank you for taking the time to consider giving your consent for your child to use these valuable learning platforms. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Yours in learning,

Hayden Drygas  
Principal

**\*\* PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER \*\***

*We are seeking your consent to provide and manage a G Suite for Education, Freshgrade, and/or Classroom Dojo account for your child. You may withdraw your consent in writing at any time to the principal. If you would like give consent for multiple years, please check both boxes.*

- I am aware that \_\_\_\_\_(name)'s teacher may collect, use, and store my child's name and school work on various learning applications and platforms at school, namely on G Suite Seesaw Classroom Dojo and/or Freshgrade whose servers may not be in Canada.
- I give my permission for the use of these learning platforms by my child as described in this form until my child graduates or leaves St Joseph's School. I understand I can revoke this anytime.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*Walk with Jesus, our living hope!*