

## Supporting Students and Sharing Best Practice

Using Satchel One to emulate school life and save teachers time



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Ysgol Bae Baglan in Port Talbot, South Wales, is a 3-16 through school. The school facilitates student participation in all elements of curricular and extracurricular provision and ensures that everyone has the support needed to reach their potential. The school have used Satchel One since they opened in 2016.

### Streamlined communication

Throughout the pandemic, Satchel One was my primary means of communication with pupils and families and has provided a quick and easy way to relay information home. At first it was just a means of getting the work to pupils, but as time went on and my confidence grew using the platform, I realised there was far more to it.

I have been able to set work for the children with all necessary documents attached, including video and web links for all tasks, as well as adding hyperlinks to task descriptions.



Improved work



Star of the week



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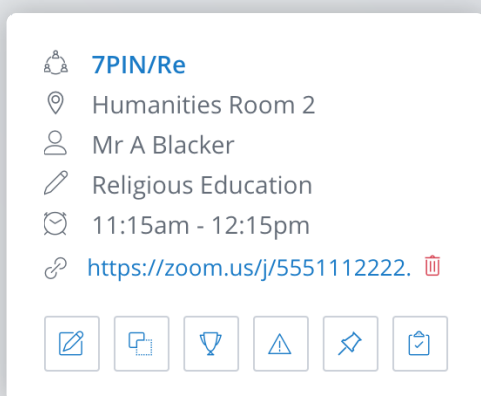


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## Staying connected

I love the Homework Discussion feature as it allows me to monitor and engage with pupils around school work easily. I encouraged my learners to use this feature during the pandemic to ask each other questions if they were stuck on a task, as a means of peer support. It even came in handy for reminding pupils of upcoming events or tasks!

I have found it has given them an independence with their learning, they have really taken charge and shown how successful they can be.



## Sharing best practice

The Re-use feature has been especially helpful in the run up to Dydd Gwyl Dewi (St David's Day). As the Welsh Link Teacher for the primary sector in our school, I needed to share resources amongst all our classes. Thanks to Satchel One, I've been able to create a bank of tasks which my colleagues have been able to re-use and edit as required. Discovering this has meant that we are now able to set work for any class in the entire school.

## App happy

The app version of the platform is fantastic! I am able to connect with pupils wherever I am. I can edit any work I set, provide feedback and respond to questions in the same way as I would on the desktop version. It also makes adding Behaviour points incredibly easy!

We have had a very positive response to the app and it has been an excellent means of communication throughout the pandemic.

