







Infant School

Pre-School

# **Tapestry – An Online Learning Journal**

We have chosen to use an online system for recording your child's learning.

Tapestry is a cloud based website which can be accessed on a computer or laptop, and also on any Apple or Android device such as a tablet or smart phone. We have chosen this company because they are secure and also offer an exciting way of keeping track of your child's development during their time with us.

We are able to instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your children. You are then emailed to alert you that something new has been added to your child's Learning Journal. A massive advantage of this system is that parents can add your own comments to our entries, and can show your child's online journal to members of the family who would not usually be able to attend parent pop-in sessions at school or pre-school.

The safeguarding of our children is very important to us. Everything that is added to Tapestry will be added to our school or pre-school account and can only be viewed by staff who use the system, and also yourself, using your own log in. You will only have access to your own child's journal. Other parents will not be able to see your child's portfolio. As part of our safeguarding it is crucial that you do not share photos or videos from your child's journal on social media or through other online platforms. Any incidents where this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn.

We would also like to signpost you to Tapestry's website where you will find lots of information and videos: <a href="http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction">http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction</a>

You will be emailed your activation code and your account details prior to your child joining school or pre-school.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



### **Frequently Asked Questions**

# Why use an online system?

Hand writing observations, printing out photos, cutting out and sticking all of these into a paper book is very time consuming. By taking photos and videos that can be instantly uploaded increases the time that staff can spend with your children, supporting their learning.

We were also impressed with the way in which parents can instantly see what their child has been up to and can also share it with family members such as grandparents.

#### How do I get onto the system?

If you consent to us using Tapestry for your child, school will set up an account for you and provide you with log on details.

Tapestry can be accessed online at: <a href="http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction">http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction</a> or <a href="https://tapestryjournal.com/">https://tapestryjournal.com/</a>

It is available as a free app from the Apple Store and also on Android devices.

We will ask you to provide us with an email address so that we can set you up a personal account. This will be a secure way of logging in, and you will only be able to see your own child's book.

#### I don't have a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. How can I access Tapestry?

If you are unable to access the Internet on any device at home, then you will still be able to access your child's journal during Friday pop in sessions where we will provide you with access to your child's account and support you to use it if needed.

## I am not very confident with computers or the Internet. How can I access Tapestry?

One of the reasons for us choosing Tapestry was ease of use. It is a very easy system to use, but should you have any problems, a member of staff who will be happy to support you.