



TAPESTRY
ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Throughout your child's time in the Foundation Stage, they are being continually assessed. Assessment plays an important part in helping both teachers and parents understand each child's strengths, progress and areas for development. Assessment in the *Early Years Foundation Stage* is ongoing. Teaching staff **observe** the children as they play. We look, listen, note down and describe the way that each child learns and interacts. This in turn allows us to **plan** activities and experiences which further develop their learning. You should already be familiar with this type of assessment from your child's time at Pre-School or Nursery (they will have had a "learning journal/learning diary" which kept a record of their development.)

At Eynsham Community Primary, we use electronic record keeping as well as a paper Learning Journey to help with our assessments.

We use an iPad app called "**Tapestry**". This app allows us to record all of our assessment information electronically. (We also have the option to print out the information for easier viewing.)

A major benefit of this app is that it allows greater parental involvement. We now have the ability to email parents the observations we have made.

If you wish to participate and receive some of your child's assessment information by email, please complete the attached slip and provide us with your email address.

You do not need access to an iPad or the Tapestry app. You will simply receive email updates at home. All photographs and assessment information is stored securely online and the app used in school is password protected. Your child's assessment information will not be accessible to anyone other than yourselves and staff in school. Sometimes, group photos may be taken, for example: if your child has painted a picture with their friend or is playing a game with others, both/all children may be photographed together. This means that the parents of children included will be able to view the photograph and any notes which apply to the whole group. Any individual comments will only be able to be viewed by the parents of the child they apply to.

If you agree to participate electronically and provide your email address, you will soon receive an email asking you to confirm your acceptance. **Please open the email and click the confirmation link.** If you do not click the link to confirm that you accept then we are unable to send you any updates about your child (please keep an eye on junk folders in addition to your inbox!)

If you have any questions or would simply like a little more information, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

Mrs Mel Bowler

Early Years Lead

"Tapestry" electronic Learning Journeys

Child's Name.....

I would like to be able to access my child's profile electronically

(name:_____)

and my email address is_____

If more than one parent would like to access the account please add the additional parent name and email address below.

(name;_____)

Email address is _____

I understand that any photographs appearing in my child's learning journey should not be replicated and used on the internet or on social websites. I understand that my child may feature in group photos and videos.

Signed_____

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