

Dear Year R Parents,

As some of you may already know, we use an electronic Learning Journal to record each child's learning activities during their time in Year R. If you want to have a look at the format of this, please visit <https://tapestry.info/> . We use this on a regular basis to keep you up to date with your child's progress and interests, adding photos and captions about the activities in school, along with ideas for you to try at home to support your child's learning. Some of you may already be familiar with this from sibling links, but recently there are a lot more pre-schools who are using Tapestry or a similar program to record learning in an Early Years setting. It really is easy to access, but if you are unsure, come and find either myself or Miss France, and we will try our best to help with any problems. The Year 1 Russet parents will also have a wealth of knowledge on this area, so feel free to pick their brains! A huge benefit is you can access your child's journal on your mobile phones by downloading the Tapestry app, so you really do find out about your child's learning at the touch of a button. You will be able to access individual observations for your own child, but we also make use of whole class and group observations, in which you will see photos of the other children within the class. This is because no child is ever isolated in their play. It also gives you a great talking opportunity by sharing the photos with your child and getting them to talk about their activity and friendships, which is a great way of sharing the child's learning experiences with the child themselves, their teachers and their family members. You can also reply to your child's individual observations, which only Miss France and myself will see, along with adding comments to any group or whole class observation, which all of our Year R family members can see. Therefore, we always title any shared or whole class observations, to make you aware that these comments are shared between all of us. In a way, it becomes a shared platform for learning, and I know this has been a really popular feature with our parents in the past. For example, it may be the whole of the Year R children settling into their new class to help with naming their friends in our first week of school.

To get this service up and running for our Year R children, I will need an email address which you use regularly to be written on the attached form. Please take care with any capital or lower case letters, along with any dashes, hyphens or underscores if your email contains these, taking care to write it as clearly as possible. Thank you!

Keeping children safe on-line is of great importance to every school. We ask that you sign the form to show you are in agreement with the rules set out below. Your account will only go live when we receive this signed paperwork. Thank you for your understanding with this. If you do have any concerns, or would like to ask further question, then come and ask myself or Miss France. Please return the form as soon as possible so that we can get the system up and running. You will then be issued with a link from Tapestry including log-on and password details, which we will then confirm with you before putting any details online.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pring

Agreed guidelines for accessing and using Tapestry Online Learning Journeys

As a parent I will...

NOT publish or screen shot any of my child's observations, photographs or videos on **any** social media sites.

THINK carefully before replying to observations which may be seen by other families. This is when several children are included in the same observation; they are usually titled as a group or whole class observation, as explained in the accompanying letter.

KEEP the login details in my trusted close family (those in the family home, not wider family).

SPEAK to a member of staff if I experience difficulty accessing my child's learning journey.

I agree to the above guidelines.

Print name: _____

Name of child: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Please remember to use upper or lowercase letters clearly when writing your email address so that it can be entered onto the Tapestry system correctly. Thank you.