



Introduction

All children at St. Johns Primary School in our Nursery and Reception classes have a personal online Learning Journey which records photos, observations and comments in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. This enables us to build up a record to help assess your child's progress and each child's learning and achievements during their time with us.

The Tapestry system is hosted on a secure, dedicated server based in the UK. The only people able to access their online Learning Journal are members of staff and yourself. You will have password protected access to your child's online Learning Journey and we encourage you to contribute information and evidence of your child too by uploading photos, videos and comments on their learning development and experiences.

We want Tapestry to be exactly that - a woven blend of information and evidence from school and home about your child, their abilities and progress they made.

You are also able to comment on observations made by the staff at school too.

When viewing your child's Learning Journal you will see a list of observations for you to click on. Once you have clicked on one you will be able to read a short paragraph about different the activity your child completed which enabled us to make a judgement against the EYFS curriculum about them. The observation of your child might have a supporting picture or video clip for you to view too.

We ask you not to share any images uploaded by staff onto your child's Learning Journey on any social media and trust you adhere to this policy.

Where do I start?

Sign your consent slip and provide your name, email address and child's date of birth to the school staff will process your email address and register your account. You will then receive an email and will be asked to access the Tapestry website to gain entry to your child's Learning Journey. Your initial password will be emailed to this address and we recommend then you changed it to something for secure. We do not take responsibility for recording, or have knowledge of your password so please make a note of it. If you would like to add an additional email address for both parents for example, please discuss with a member of staff.

Viewing my child's Learning Journey

You will see your child's observations on your 'Obs' tab (home screen) - selecting one of these will open up the observation for you to look at. You may add comments in the box at the bottom of the observation if you would like to. This is not compulsory.

Please note:

The online Learning Journey is to be used to record your child's learning and achievements. It is not to be used as a general communication tool between school and home. Class teachers will check daily for parent replies and comments and they may then respond. If you require an immediate response to an issue please speak directly to a member of staff at the usual at drop off or pick up time. We ask that you use the Tapestry in a professional manner, with respect for staff at all times and ensure that you use professional language when uploading evidence and writing comments.

We sincerely hope that you find using Tapestry a liberating way to access knowledge of your child's achievements and progress. We hope that you will embrace the opportunity to upload and contribute evidence of your child's learning too. If you have any issues registering and using Tapestry please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.