



Tapestry – An Online Learning Journal

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Little stars we use an online system of recording your child's learning called Tapestry.

Tapestry is a cloud based system 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 a secure and also exciting way of keeping track of your child's development and their time with us.

Instead of using the old paper book style way of recording, we will be 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 and can log on and view what your child has been up to. A massive advantage of this system is that you can instantly add your own comments to entries, and can show your child's online book to members of the family who would not usually be able to attend parent meetings or do not drop off or collect.

The safeguarding of our children is very important to us. Everything that is added to Tapestry will be added to our Little Stars account and can only be viewed by staff that use the system, and also yourself, using your own log on. You will only have access to your child's own book and this cannot be seen by other parents. Also, it is crucial that you do not share photos or videos from your child's book 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this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn.

On the back of this letter you will find some Frequently Asked Questions about the system. I would also like to signpost you to Tapestry's website where you will find lots of information and videos: <http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction>

Attached to this letter is a permission and information slip to allow us to set up a Tapestry account for your child. Please sign and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. You will be given your account details as soon as we have your details. If you are already a user of tapestry please ensure you use this, you can see observations and reports and you communicate with your child's key person too!

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

Kind regards

Laura Sanders



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 this 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: <http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction>

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 book during Parent Café 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 the Early Years Team will be happy to support you.

Why do you need my email address?

Your email address is required in order to set you up with access to your child's account. It is to ensure security on the site and also so that we can email you when a new entry has been added for your child.



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Permission Slip

Child's

Name: _____

- I do/ do not give permission for an online Tapestry Learning Journey to be created and maintained for my child.
- I do/ do not give permission for my child's photo to appear in any group photos used in Learning Journeys.
- I agree not to electronically share, by social media or other platforms, any part of my child's Learning Journey.
- I agree to view observations, reports and information about my child via tapestry regularly to ensure that I keep up to date with my child's development.

The email address I wish to use for my Tapestry account is:

Please use _____
(First and surname) as my username.

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this slip to Little Stars as soon as possible.



Child's name: _____ Setting: _____

Tapestry is a two way communication with parents and the setting. It is a lovely experience for your child to take photographs but it is an excellent learning opportunity to share their home experiences with others in the setting.

At Little stars your child's key person will aim to complete at least 1 observation on your child each week. This could be a planned observation of them at play, a wow moment, something that has spontaneously happened or even something to treasure!

This is the same at home! Please share with us activities you do, days out, funny things they say and achievements they make. These will change each month as your child develops and grows! Their favourite things as a baby will change as they grow into a toddler!

Our what to expect when documents we issue help to identify realistic achievements to support your child's development – you could perhaps work with your key person on teaching your child a new skill at an appropriate level for them and share your progress with us! We call this working on "next steps", it is our teaching to move children to the "next step" in their learning and development. We value your support and teaching at home!

Below is a little checklist of lovely things you can share on tapestry when your child first starts, or each terms, start of the year etc.! See how many you can do 😊

	Completed	Date
<i>Can you take Photographs of family members special to them? Who will pick up? Who do they spend time with?</i>		
<i>What colour is your front door? Do you have a garden?</i>		
<i>Can you take a picture of their favourite animals or pets at home?</i>		
<i>Can you take a photograph of play at home? What is your child's favourite toy or activity?</i>		
<i>Can you take a photograph of play outdoors? What does your child like to do outdoors?</i>		
<i>Can you take a photograph of your child's favourite meal? What do they like? Where do they like to sit?</i>		
<i>Can you take a photograph of the route to Little stars? Do you come in the car? Walk? What do you see on your way?</i>		
<i>What is your child's favourite music? Can you put a video on tapestry how they sing, dance or enjoy their favourite song?</i>		
<i>What does your child like to do at evenings or weekends?</i>		



Tapestry Questionnaire for Parents



Child's name: _____ Setting: _____

	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
<i>How often do you log into your child's learning journal?</i>			
<i>If never, can you explain why?</i>			
<i>Do you have a login and password?</i>			
<i>Other reasons?</i>			
<i>How often do you talk to your child about things you have seen on Tapestry?</i>			
<i>If never, can you explain why?</i>			
<i>How often do you comment on observations in your child's Learning Journey?</i>			
<i>If never, can you explain why?</i>			
<i>How often do you add observations from home to your child's Learning Journey?</i>			
<i>If never, can you explain why?</i>			
<i>Do you enjoy using Tapestry?</i>			
<i>Is Tapestry easy to use?</i>			
<i>Would you like to find out more about using Tapestry through a school based training event in our computer suite?</i>			
<i>Please use the box below to make any additional comments or suggestions about Tapestry.</i>			

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.