

# Tapestry Parent Accounts

## Getting Started

In Early Years we use an online learning journey called Tapestry. We use this to record observations of children's learning, communicate with parents and allow parents to communicate with us. Every child has now been given their own personal Tapestry account. Email activations have been sent to the Email address that we have on record (please check your junk box if you have not received this). Please be aware that we are unable to send activation Emails out until we have received a signed copy of your non-disclosure agreement. We recommend that once you have activated your account you download the Tapestry app and set the notifications on. This will allow you to easily use the platform and see when new observations have been posted.

## Accounts

You will be linked to two accounts (more if you have more than one child in our setting). The first account is your child's personal account, the only people who can see this account are Early Years staff and you. The second account that you have access to is either the Reception child or Nursery child account (depending upon the class your child is currently in). This account can be seen by Early Years staff and every parent who has a child in the cohort (all of the Nursery parents or all of the Reception parents). This account will predominately be used by teachers to set homework, make requests or provide you with class information.

## Getting Involved with Your Child's Learning

Tapestry is a very useful forum to allow us to regularly communicate with parents about children's in school learning experiences. It allows you to see what children are doing in school throughout the year. In addition to this, parents can be actively involved in helping us to build up a rounded picture of children's learning, by providing observations of events and activities that children are doing at home. We always like to learn more about our children's experiences at home, so please add observations of anything exciting that children are doing at home, or new learning that you have noticed.

In Nursery we ask that parents add an observation (with a photo) of an activity that children have done on a weekend. These will then be looked at with children on a Monday morning in keyworker groups. They will support children in sharing their news with their friends.

In Reception, we will post our practical maths homework on a Thursday to the Reception child account. We are asking for parents to post an observation of children completing the task onto their child's own personal account (you have until the following Thursday to do this). Grandma Fantastic will also select a child from each class on a Friday, and ask them to post an observation about their weekend, this will be shared with Grandma and the whole class on a Monday morning.

Within the observations posted by staff, there is the option to make a comment. If you have time, please consider leaving a comment about your child's wonderful achievements!

## How to upload an observation

- The easiest way to upload observations is to download the tapestry app on your phone or tablet.
- To add an observation click on the +
- An observation page will then open.
- Each observation needs a title (add your title to the grey add text lettering).
- Select the blue pick children button and select either your child's name to add to their account or your cohort group (Nursery child/ Reception child) to add to the group account.
- Click on the yellow box to add text/ observation notes.
- Click on take a photo/take a video to add media to the observation.
- Click upload in the top right hand corner to upload your observation.
- This will then need to be approved by a member of staff before it is added to the account and visible to others.

If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff for support on one of the Email addresses below:

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