

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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## Tapestry - An Online Learning Journal

Dear Parents/Carers,

At St Joseph's we use an online learning journal called "Tapestry". This is an exciting way to record, track and share your child's learning, during their time in our Nursery and/or Reception.

Tapestry enables staff to take photographs, videos and make written observations of the activities your child completes at school. You will then have access to this information (using your email address and a secure password to log in) so you can celebrate your child's learning at home. Parents/carers can also add their own photos and comments to the journal. This enables a whole picture of your child's development to be captured which we encourage you to do, so we can see what they are interested in and feed this into our classroom practice.

Tapestry is a website which can be accessed on a computer or laptop, and also on any Apple or Android device such as a tablet or smartphone. This enables photos, videos and observations of your children to be instantly uploaded. You will then receive an email 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.

The safeguarding of our children is very important to us. Everything that is added to Tapestry will be added to our school account and can only be viewed by school 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. However, children in the class will sometimes be photographed with others as they work together. For this reason, we would like permission for your child to appear in photographs within other children's Learning Journals.

**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this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn.



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With this letter you will find some Frequently Asked Questions about the system. We 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>

Also 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 the school office no later than **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. Once we have received all permission slips, we will send out individual logins so that you are able to access Tapestry.

If you have any further questions please email the school office

Kind regards,

Mrs Hemming and Mrs Harrison

Reception Class teachers



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### Permission and Information Slip

Child's Name:

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Class (please circle):      Nursery (FS1) / Reception (FS2)

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.

The email address I wish to use for my Tapestry account is (please write in capitals):

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Please use \_\_\_\_\_  
(first and surname) as my username.

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why use an online system?**

Hand writing observations, printing out photos and filling these into individual files 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 the system engages parents in their child's learning, through instantly seeing what their child has been up to and add their own comments and observations.

### **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 by arranging a mutually convenient time with your child's teacher to come into school once a half term. You will be provided with access to your child's account and support 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.

