

Dear Parents and Carers,



This year, we are continuing to use Tapestry to record, track and share your child's learning during their Reception year at Jewell. Tapestry is a safe and secure app and website which is hosted in the UK. It can be accessed on a computer, laptop, iPad, Tablet or phone on both Apple or Android.

We are to use it to instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your children. As your child's parent or carer, you can also add your own photos and comments to the journal. An advantage of this system is that we can work collaboratively with you to comment on your child's individual learning.

The safeguarding of our children is extremely important to us. As a parent/carer, you will only have access to **your own** child's journal and this **cannot** be seen by other parents. However, there may be occasions where children in the class could sometimes be photographed with others as they work together in the background. For this reason, we would like permission for your child to appear in all photographs on the system. Once the learning journal is set up, it is crucial that you do not share photos or videos from your child's journal 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this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn. A copy of our school Tapestry 'Privacy and Security Policy' is attached.

If you would like to find out more about 'Tapestry' please visit the website <http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction> where you will find lots of information and videos.

On the back of this letter you will also find some Frequently Asked Questions about the system.

Kind regards

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why use an online system?

Hand writing observations is very time consuming. By taking photos and videos that can be instantly uploaded, staff have more time to spend supporting your child's learning. Parents can also instantly see their child's learning.

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 / key worker to come into school. 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 we use Tapestry is 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.