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Tapestry – An Online Learning Journal

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Wildmoor Heath we use Tapestry, an online system to record the children's learning.

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 smart phone. We use Tapestry because it provides a secure and exciting way of keeping track of your child's development and record of their time with us.

With Tapestry we can instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your children. Parents/ Carers can then 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. 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.

The safeguarding of our children is very important to us. Everything that is added to Tapestry is only viewed by staff at the school, and parents via unique log-in details. You will only have access to your child's own journal 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.

We will always endeavour to upload photos of individual children. However, there may be occasions when a group photo, or your child interacting with another child, is pertinent to track their progress and development. Therefore, there may be occasional photographs of other children in your child's learning journey, and your child may also appear in another learning journey.

At the end of the school year, you will be able to download the learning journey as permanent reminder of their year in Reception at Wildmoor Heath School.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Joseph via the school office, or in the classroom. You can also access the Tapestry website if you require more information.
<http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction>

Kind Regards

Mrs Joseph
Butterfly class.

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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 understand that it may not always be possible to exclude your child from appearing in photos on another learning journey.

The email address(es) I wish to use for my Tapestry account is(are): _____

Name of account holder: _____ Email: _____

Name of account holder: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this slip to the school office, or the classroom as soon as possible.