



TAPESTRY

ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL

An introduction to the online learning journal that we use at St. George's Primary School.



There's an enormous body of research...on the positive impact of parent partnerships...not just in school but throughout life. We cannot educate our children without reaching out to their parents. When schools and families work together, children have a far better chance of not only being successful in school but being successful in life as well.
<http://inclusiveschools.org> (2015)



What is Tapestry?

- Tapestry is an online learning journal which can record photos and videos and enables all parties to make observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.
- It allows us to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time in Reception at St. George's Primary School.

It makes an amazing 'diary' of your child's first year at school and you will get to keep it.



Why we use Tapestry

- It provides stronger communication with you about your child's development. As a parent or carer you will have 24hr access to your child's learning journey. This will enable you to take an active part in your child's education.
- It offers greater opportunities to extend your child's learning at home – you can view next steps and communicate with us about WOW moments at home.
- It's easy to share with relatives, extended family and perhaps family members who are shielding or overseas



What next?

- **Parents and carers sign the Tapestry agreement and provide us with an email address.** You can provide several different email addresses for different relatives of the child.
- The Foundation Stage staff have secure access to Tapestry. We enter your email addresses on the system and you will receive an email from Tapestry with a link in it. The link takes you to Tapestry and asks you to set up a password and pin for your account.
- Follow this link to show you how to set up your account:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7ROkDnb4I0>
- Follow this link to show you how to add an observation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8>



Data protection

- A password is required to access Tapestry, and parents can only view observations of their own child.
- Tapestry uses the same encryption as online banking.
- Data is stored separately for each school and only your child's school has access to the account.



How does the school access Tapestry

- The Foundation team have school iPads on which they can take notes and photos of any significant learning and upload them to the child's learning journey.
- An email is then automatically generated to parents/carers set up to that child's account and they are informed that an observation has been added so they can have a look and add any of their own comments to it. (You can unsubscribe from these email notifications if you want to.)



How can I access Tapestry?

Once you have given us an email address, we will set up an account for you. You can then access Tapestry...

- On your computer either follow the link in your email or go to: <https://tapestryjournal.com/> Alternatively if you Google 'Tapestry' it is the first link that comes up.
- If you have an **iPhone/iPad** please visit the App store and download the Tapestry app from the Education section (search for Tapestry Mobile).
- If you have an **Android/Tablet**, search for Tapestry learning journal app.



Online safety

- Children in the Early Years play in close proximity with their friends. It would not reflect a true picture of their time at St George's if photographs are only a single child. Therefore photographs and videos of your child may appear on their friend's learning journal.
- Online safety is extremely important to us, therefore we ask you NOT to share any observations or photographs on social media. You have signed to agree these guidelines. If we receive information that these have been breached your parent view privilege will be revoked.



Any questions?

Parents that have signed up to Tapestry can add their own observations so that we can see what your child is doing outside of the school day – weekend trips, exciting learning opportunities, tri to the shops, etc.

We share these each day with the class and they really enjoy sharing these experiences with their friends

- If you have any queries please send us an email:
Reception@stgeorgesportland.dorset.sch.uk
- Alternatively you can chat with us outside on the playground at the end of the day

We look forward to sharing your child's journey during their first year at school.

