



English Martyrs Catholic Primary

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Tapestry

Dear Parents and Carers,

From this term we have chosen to use a new and exciting online system of recording your child's learning in Nursery and Reception. 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. We have chosen this company because they provide a secure way of keeping track of your child's development and their time with us.

Instead of using the current paper based style of recording, we will be able to instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your child. You will then have access to this information (using your email address and a secure password to log in) so you can celebrate this learning at home too. A massive advantage of this system is that parents/carers can instantly view the observations and can also add their own photos and comments to the journal for your child's teacher to read.

The new system will be an online learning journey and is hosted in the UK on dedicated secure servers. These servers conform to very high safety standards and are proactively managed by a central security team. 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 the school staff that use the system, and also yourself, using your own log in details.

You will only have access to your child's journal 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 observations, photos or videos from your child's learning journey on social media or through other online platforms. The photographs/ videos taken and uploaded to Tapestry by the school are the property of English Martyr's Primary School. We ask that you protect the images of your own and other people's children by viewing and using them carefully. Any incidents where this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn.

We are very excited about introducing this system to our school and would like you to find out more about it too. On the back of this letter you will find some Frequently Asked Questions about the system. I would also like to signpost you to Tapestry's website where you will find lots of information and videos: <http://euys.info/tapestry-info/introduction>.



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Early Years staff in Nursery and Reception will complete a learning journey for your child over a given week, each half term.

You will need to give permission via the Arbor CommunicationApp to enable the school to set up your tapestry account so you can track your child's time in Nursery/Reception. For further advice relating to the Arbor Communication App please see the parent guide.

If you require any further information please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why use an online system?

Printing out photos and filing all of these into individual folders 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 parents can instantly see what their child has been up to.

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 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 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.



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