



## St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carer,

### Welcome to Tapestry!

This year we are continuing to use online Learning Journeys in addition to our 'Learning Journey folders' to record children's progress and learning in Reception.

Your child will have an individual 'Learning Journey' account using educational software called **'Tapestry'**.

This is a system which creates a collection of photographs, observations and assessments to build up a picture of each child in order to create an account of their learning journey through early years.

You need to be aware that only you can see the individual photos and observations of your own child. Your child may appear in a group photo or may be in the background of another child's individual photos.

When there is a group photo and general group observation, all the parents of the children present will receive this on their account.

The exciting element to this is that you can contribute to it, as well as being able to look at what your child has been doing at any time. The system will email you when a new observation has been added for your child (it sometimes arrives in your spam), so that you can look at what they have been learning. You can add a comment or 'like' the observation if you wish, which is a fantastic way for us to hear your views about what they have done.

You can also add your own observations and photographs to your child's profile so we can build up a better picture of what your child can do. Having observations added by you is such an important part of your child's learning journey as you know your child best and we only see a small percentage of what they can do. You can also download an app for Apple products (search Tapestry on the App store) which will enable you to add observations on the go, in addition to using a web browser.

Examples of observations and photos you might like to add could be your child starting a club for the first time (take a quick snap and add it on), riding their bike without stabilisers, helping to tidy their toys, eating with a knife and fork, writing their name in a birthday card. Anything that you see your child doing and think "Wow! That's fantastic, what an achievement for them!" are all the kinds of things we want to see.

All of this information is stored on a highly secure server which is monitored closely. E-safety is extremely important to us at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, therefore we ask you to provide us with the following information and to sign the parent agreement to show that you understand and will agree with our guidelines. Please return the form as soon as possible so we can set up your log on.

If more than one parent would like to have a login that is fine, just write down both/all emails on the form.

We are sure that you will love this new way of viewing your child's achievements as much as we do!

**We look forward to getting our families set up on Tapestry.**

Many Thanks

**Sammie Vale**

Head of Early Years

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



## Agreed guidelines for accessing and using Tapestry Online Learning Journeys

### As a Parent/Carer I agree to...

- Allow my child's photo and date of birth to be used to create an online Learning Journey.
  - My child's image appearing in other children's Learning Journeys when joint observations are made.
  - Not publish or reproduce any of my child's observations, photographs or videos on any social media sites.
  - Keep the login details within my trusted family.
  - Keep school informed of any changes to my email address.
  - Speak to a member of staff if I experience any difficulties accessing my child's Learning Journey.
- .....

Consent Form Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address/es: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to school as soon as possible and no later than **xxx**