

Milton CE Primary School
Tapestry – Online Learning Platform

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Milton CE Primary school we have chosen Tapestry to provide our online learning in the event that we have to shut down any bubbles and we plan to develop it as a platform for parental communication as it rolls out. Many of you will remember it when it was used as an online system of recording your child's learning in Foundation. It is now available for all year groups across the school. As a starting point we will post our curriculum letters and newsletters on it to give us all a first experience of using the system. Initially teachers will only respond to communications via Tapestry once a week during their PPA (planning slots) so any urgent communication should come through the office.

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 have chosen this company because they provide a secure and also exciting way of keeping track of your child's development and their time with us, that has been appreciated by parents in the child's first year at school.

Instead of using the old paper book style way of recording, we will be able to instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your children. You are then emailed to alert you that something new has been added to your child's Learning Journal and can log on and view what your child has been up to. An 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.

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 school staff that use the system, and also yourself, using your own log on. You will only have access to your child's own book 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. 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this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn.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 across the 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: <https://tapestry.info/features.html/>

In order for your child's Learning Journey to be created please, give us permission by completing the attached slip. If you provide your E-mail address we will set up an account, enabling you to access your child's learning journey via the secure Tapestry website for your child's class. (If both parents would like access we will need **both** email addresses and signed permission from both.)

If you have any questions or queries about the on-line Learning Journeys please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Attached to this letter is a permission and information slip to allow us to set up a Tapestry account for your child. Please sign and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. You will be given your account details as soon as we can.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Kind regards,
Mrs Reeder



Frequently Asked Questions

Why use an online system?

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. It also enables us to continue teaching your child and provide feedback should we need to provide distance 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 on agreed times at school where we will provide you with access to your child's account and support you to use it 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 who are very familiar with the system 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.

Tapestry – An Online Learning Journal
Permission Slip

Child's Name: _____

Class:

I do/do not give permission for Milton CE Primary School to create an online Tapestry Learning Journey.

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.

OR

If you do not have access to e-mail please tick this box and you will be able to view your child's learning Journey using school equipment during specific times throughout the year.

Print name: _____

Name of child: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The email address I wish to use for my Tapestry account is:

Please use _____ (first and surname)
as my username.

Please return to your child's teacher the school as soon as possible. We will then set up your account and send out your login details shortly.

This needs to be completed by both parents if you both want access!

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