

10.19 Tapestry

Policy statement

At Hempstead Pavilion Playgroup we provide all children attending an 'online learning journal' through the platform of 'Tapestry', which records observations, photos and videos and also provides an opportunity for parents to comment and add their own observations to their own child's journal. This helps to provide a strong partnership between the setting and home as the children develop from when they first attend the playgroup through to when they leave to attend Primary School (or for any other reasons if before this time).

Procedure

- At Hempstead Pavilion Playgroup we use the secure online system Tapestry which allows staff and parents to access the information via a personal password protected login.
- Each child is allocated a key worker who is responsible for their development and the compilation of their learning journals, however all staff are able to capture observations for each other's children.
- Parents logging into the system are only able to see their child(ren)'s learning journal.
- Parent access allows them to comment (or 'reply') to observations that staff have inputted as well as adding their own observations and photos/videos – any observations the parents add have to be approved and added into the journal by the staff to ensure appropriate content.
- Before parents are linked to their child(ren)'s learning journal they are asked to give permission for their child's photo to appear in other children's learning journals.
- Before parents are linked to their child/(ren)'s learning journal they are asked to give permission for their child to appear in videos with other children during observations and for these videos to be shared in other children's learning journals.
- Before accessing the system, parents have to sign to agree not to download and share any information on any other online platforms or social networking sites (such as Facebook).
- Whilst Tapestry provides a fantastic tool for sharing information between the playgroup and parents, is not used as a way of sharing general communication. Each child's learning journal is a document to record their learning and development which parents can add comments on or contribute to with information of what they have been doing at home. Any further discussion of progress or concerns will be done during a face to face conversation at the setting during a prior agreed time.
- Observations are regularly monitored by the managing staff and assessed during staff meetings to ensure they are providing relevant and informative information.
- All staff must sign and adhere to our Use of Pre-School technology devices by Staff agreement.
- When a child leaves our setting, parents are able to download their children Tapestry account within 90 days of leaving, after this the Learning Journal is deleted from our account on Tapestry.
- If a parent is unable to download a child's journal themselves, they may bring in a Memory stick and we will download it for them. Parents must sign to say they have received the memory stick.

Safe Use Agreement

- Staff should log out of the Tapestry app or program when they are finished in order to maintain confidentiality.
- Staff should not share log in or password details with any other person. Each member of staff have their own log in details that should be kept confidential to them.

- Staff should not share any information or photographs relating to children with any person not employed by Hempstead Pavilion Playgroup.
- Staff should take all responsible steps to ensure the safe keeping of any portable device e.g. iPad that they are using and report any missing devices.
- If accessing Tapestry with a private computer, not on playgroup premises, staff must maintain confidentiality and professionalism.
- All entries on Tapestry must be appropriate.
- All entries on Tapestry remain the property of Hempstead Pavilion Playgroup.
- At all times staff must comply with Safeguarding policies, Online Safety Policy and Image Use policy.

Links to policies:

- 1.7 Image Use Policy
- 4.1 The Role of the key person and settling in
- 1.2 Safeguarding policy

This policy was adopted by

Hempstead Pavilion Playgroup Ltd

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Signed on behalf of the provider

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