

Leverstock Green Playgroup Tapestry Learning Journal

Policy Statement

Leverstock Green Playgroup ensures that all children attending the setting have a personal Learning Journal which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), to build up a record of each child's achievements during their time with us. It will also show children's developmental progress through the different age bands of the EYFS.

This statement is to run in conjunction with our other policies as follows:

- Safeguarding Children
- Staff Conduct
- Record Keeping
- Partnership Working
- Confidentiality
- Employment and Staffing
- Mobile phones, Cameras, Video Cameras and Internet Safety

Procedures

- Each child will have a named Key Person allocated to them who will be responsible for the compilation of that child's Learning Journal.
- Leverstock Green Playgroup uses an online Learning Journal system (Tapestry), allowing staff and parents to access the information from any computer via a personal, password-protected login.
- If parents do not have internet access we will prepare a paper learning Journal for the child. they will be able to make an appointment to view their child's learning Journal during playgroup hours with a member of staff.
- A child's learning Journal is a document recording their learning and development and parents may add comments on observations or contribute photos, videos or information about activities they have been doing at home.
- Staff access allows input of new observations and photos/videos or amendment of existing observations and photos/videos.
- Parent access allows input of new observations and photos/videos or the addition of comments on existing observations and photos/videos – parent log-ins do not have the necessary permission to edit existing material from staff.
- Observations input into the Tapestry system are moderated by a senior member of staff before being added to the child's Learning Journal.
- Parents logging into the system are only able to see their own child's Learning Journal.
- The Learning Journal is started once the child has started playgroup.

- New observational entries to a child's Learning Journal will usually be uploaded within two weeks of the observation being made.
- Photos/videos will be taken in such a way as to only include the specific child whose actual Learning Journal it is.
- All photos/videos taken of children are stored on the tablet and once added to the observation are deleted. This is usually within 2 weeks.
- Parents must contact us through the usual channels for any other day-to-day matters, e.g. absence, changes to collected of your child etc. They must not use the Learning Journal to do this.

Security

- Parents are asked to sign a Tapestry Agreement Form
- The Tapestry on-line Learning Journal system is hosted on secure dedicated servers based in the UK.
- Access to information stored on Tapestry can only be gained by unique user ID and password.
- Parents can only see their own child's information and are unable to login to view other children's Learning Journals. Parents have full access to edit their own comments and posts.
- We are on the Register of Data Controllers with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO)
- Parents have access to the Tapestry Security Policy.
- Data will be held on Tapestry for the duration of the child's time at playgroup.
- The Learning Journal will be deleted 30 days after the child leaves. This will allow time for parents to download a PDF copy.
- If parents feel their log in details have been compromised we ask that they inform playgroup immediately during working hours or contact Tapestry directly tapestry.support@eyfs.info.

Staff

- Each member of staff have access to a tablet which is accessed solely through a personal PIN number.
- The browser/app is set not to remember passwords/PINs.
- Staff will not at any time remove the devices from the setting to work on them at home.
- The manager and Deputy are able to take the device home to work on at home.
- The manager and Deputy can access Tapestry from any other devices other than their playgroup tablet or the playgroup laptop, however they must ensure the browser is closed after use. This is accessed by using the staff's email and password.
- On occasions, such as outings with the children, a senior member of staff may take her tablet to record photos. This tablet will be taken in the playgroup outing bag and returned to the playgroup after.
- All tablets are subject to regular scrutiny by the manager.

- All tablets have appropriate parental controls set which can only be overridden by the manager.
- The tablet has the Tapestry app, however in order for the Manager and Deputy to access the children's next steps/observations they need to access Tapestry through the internet using their own email address and passwords allocated to them .
- All other staff can access Tapestry via using the app during work hours using the work IPAD . They will only message parents during work hours too.
- All log in passwords and PINS are secure and changed each term or earlier if necessary.
- Staff know to contact the Tapestry team at FSF HQ (tapestry.support@eyfs.info) so that they can temporarily deactivate our account/help us change passwords if our devices are lost/stolen or we suspect someone might be able to access our account.
- Staff accounts are deleted when they leave. Or made inactive if necessary by the manager.

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory – Luuk Weijs

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner) Trustee

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