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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tapestry – An Online Learning Journal

At High Meadow, we use an 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 smart phone. We have chosen this company because they are secure and it is also an exciting way of keeping track of your child's development and their time with us.

Whilst your child is busy learning, 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. A massive advantage of this system is that you can instantly add your own comments to entries. The Tapestry app will be used alongside Homeroom. The main difference between Tapestry and Homeroom is that Tapestry is your own child's personal learning journey and although other children may appear in the background on photographs, it is a personal document of your child's learning journey throughout Nursery and Reception.

The relationship between staff and parents that Tapestry enables, helps build a shared understanding of how every child can reach their full potential. The app gives parents the opportunity to upload photos/videos of learning at home, for example sharing a video of the first time a child rides a bike, a visit to the library, brushing their teeth independently. This can then be added to your child's learning journal.

Please note that Tapestry is not a communication tool for asking questions, leaving messages for staff or raising any possible grievances. The usual means of communication should still be used for this.

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 login. 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this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn.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 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://eyfs.info/tapestryinfo/introduction>

You will be sent a permission slip, please sign and return it to your child's teacher.
If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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