



Using Tapestry – A Guide for Reception Parents

Please find below a simple guide to explain how staff at Hunsley Primary will use Tapestry for your child's Learning Journey and how you can be involved: <https://eylj.org/login/>

- **What is Tapestry?**

Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journey, which enables teachers and support staff to record the 'wow' moments in your child's development in school, as well as the longer observations and assessments we complete in-school. We record by adding photographs, video and explanations which help to capture and assess each child's progress as they move through the year. The photos are a great record of those moments, as your child progresses personally, academically, physically and socially and provide good evidence to support our assessments

- **Who sees the Learning Journey?**

Only key staff in the Reception class team will contribute to the Learning Journey. This is important as these are the people who know your child the best. Parents see the Learning Journey online if they log into the secure portal, which enables them only to see their child's Learning Journey.

- **What kinds of events or achievements are recorded at school?**

Your child may have written something new for the first time; shared with a friend; been part of a team; said something in answer to a question which showed great progress or simply had a super learning breakthrough. We might also record group observations, which show how your child interacts with others in a larger group. Key staff in the Reception Team will then add Next Steps (NS) into their comments which enables parents to work on those Next Steps at home with their child and even record their child meeting those steps outside of school: true partnership working.

- **What can parents add at home?**

You can add your child's unique 'wow' moments that happen at home – the first dance lesson or sports achievements; family traditions; events which show your child's development, such as a new skill or hobby. Please be aware of permissions if using photos which show others. You can also add your comments at the end of our observations, where

there is a space for feedback. This enables parents to say whether the Next Steps which school has suggested are being achieved at home. This is a vital part of the Learning Journey for children, showing that assessments made in school are based on a broad knowledge base and not just what children are seen to be achieving during the school day. Wherever you see 'NS', do have a think about how this might be achieved at home as well.

- **What about security?**

You have the secure password for your child's account. All parents have been asked whether they are happy for their child to appear in another child's Learning Journey, as this can show those essential Personal, Social and Emotional Development milestones, such as sharing, teamwork and making friends. Peers are not named by staff – they will refer to 'a friend' or 'a classmate' in their text. Your child will not be included in their peers' online electronic Learning Journey if you have requested for this not to happen. We do still ask parents not to recirculate the Learning Journey on social media and again to be mindful of privacy and the Tapestry Terms of Use on their website.

- **How often will school update the Learning Journey online?**

School will update the Learning Journey at intervals throughout the year. Parents will be able to add their comments and own 'wow' moments at any point. School will have sight of parents' inputs when they are uploaded.

Thank you for using Tapestry in accordance with these expectations.

If you have any questions about how we use the software, please do ask.

The Reception Team