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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Tapestry Online Learning Journey**

In December, in Early Years, we decided to trial an online learning journey called 'Tapestry' to record your child's work and assess their progress.

The tool is used to record observations of your child, to capture their learning progress throughout the Academic year.

The plan was to trial the tool until the end of February half term, allowing my colleagues to familiarise themselves with the program, which can be accessed on any Android, Apple or laptop device.

Tapestry is an interactive program that can be shared with parents, so that school can share activities to the home, and home can share activities with school. This creates a holistic approach to your child's education and personal development, and forms strong links between home and school.

Lockdown however, has intervened and we have subsequently had to quickly move to remote learning.

Google Classroom is Wooden Hill's learning platform, and all work needs to continue to be set through this. However, we have had a number of parents finding uploading to google classroom a challenge, and whilst it works well for older children to share their work, it does not capture Early Years practical learning approach, or enable us to capture all aspects of the Early Years Curriculum.

Our plan was to share the Tapestry activation email with you after February half term, however we feel it is best to bring this date forward, so that a record of your child's remote learning is not lost.

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. To ensure this total privacy, it is important that you do not share photos or videos from your child's book (by using screen shot) on social media or through other online platforms. We will monitor this closely in line with Wooden Hill's Safeguarding policy.

You will shortly receive an activation email. Please follow the link so you will have access to your child's learning journey. This has already been set up in school.

**If your email has changed, please notify the School office, as the link will be emailed to the account we have on our system.**

LEARNING, *Growing* & *Achieving* Together

We are asking you to activate your account as soon as you receive it, and then use Tapestry to upload your child's learning NOT Google Classroom. We ask that you try to use Tapestry from next week but would like you to use Tapestry fully from the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any problems using Tapestry next week, please do call or email and one of the Reception Team will be more than happy to support you. (You can also access video support help on <http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction>)

The reason we are asking you to submit your work in this way, is it is easier for you to upload pictures and comments, capturing work currently from home and once lockdown is raised, and your child returns to school, learning from school, which you will continue to access on their return.

Google Classroom will still operate in the same way; the weekly work expectations will be shared, you will receive the weekly video explaining the learning, and the stream will continue, as well as live chats. For you, the only difference is that we ask you to submit work on Tapestry instead of Google Classroom.

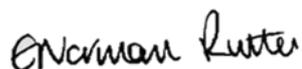
We will be able to comment on your child's observations and give feedback via Tapestry in the same way as we currently do on Google Classroom.

Our wish is to move to this form of capturing and sharing your child's work as soon as possible, and would greatly appreciate your assistance with this.

As soon as your account has been activated and you start to upload work, personal feedback of your child's learning will be shared through Tapestry, **you will no longer upload to google classroom.**

At the end of the academic year you will have a personal online collection of your child's learning achievements, progress, learning goals and happy memories.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Rutter.  
Early Years Leader.