



Tapestry Online Learning Journal

Information Session 3





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What is Tapestry?



- Tapestry is an online learning journal system.
- There is an app and browser version available.
- We use it to record children's learning and development using Ipads and we have set you up as parents with your own secure logins so you can view, comment on and add your own observations to your child's journal.



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Why are we using Tapestry?



- It creates an invaluable two-way communication between us and you.
- We can upload unlimited images and videos of your child so you can see what they do whilst they are with us and likewise you are able to add observations of special moments to your child's Learning Journal.
- We can share home learning and activities through Tapestry.



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How is data kept safe?



- A password is required to access Tapestry. The stronger the password – the more secure your account is.
- You can only access observations for your child.
- The data on Tapestry is stored on a secure cloud. It is stored separately for each school.

Logging in



The screenshot shows the 'Set your new password' page of the Tapestry Online Learning Journal. It includes two green validation messages: 'The password must be at least 10 characters long' and 'New Password and Confirm Password must match'. There are two password input fields, one for 'New Password' and one for 'Repeat New Password', both containing masked characters. A blue 'Submit' button is at the bottom.

- Web
- To access the browser go to
- <https://tapestryjournal.com/s/green-park-village-academy>

- Android App.
- Download the Tapestry app via Google Play store.

- IOS App
- Go to the App store and search for Tapestry Journal.



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Activation

The screenshot shows the 'TAPESTRY ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL' interface. It has a heading 'Set your new password' and two green checkmark boxes: 'The password must be at least 10 characters long' and 'New Password and Confirm Password must match'. Below these are two input fields: 'New Password' and 'Repeat New Password', both containing masked characters. A blue 'Submit' button is at the bottom left.

- Username
- This will be the email address that you supplied to the school.
- Password:
- You will receive an email that contains a link you can follow to set up your own password and PIN number.



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Notifications



- It is possible to receive email notifications immediately, daily or weekly.
- There are different notifications for items such as observations and observation comments.





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Observations



- You can access videos, photos and files that are relevant to the observation of your child.
- You will also be able to read the full observation on your child.
- If you choose, you can add your own comments to the observation.
- You can also add your own observations of your children.
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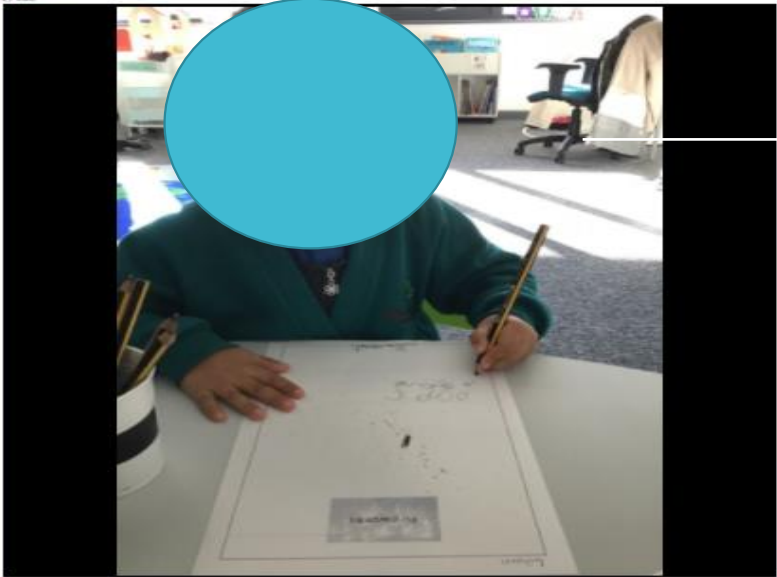
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What does an
observation
look like?



Fireworks

Author: Alice Woodley added 01 Nov 2020 09:45 AM



Notes

Liam told the adult that she has seen fireworks before. She said there was lots of colours and they went boom boom boom, I saw them with my mummy and baby one night. Liam then used different colours to create fireworks on her paper. She used pencils to create lines and dots. Liam then spoke to the adult about the sounds fireworks make, Liam then tried to write some of those words.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Physical Development

Moving and Handling

Begin to form recognisable letters.

Understanding the world

People and communities

Remember and talk about significant events in their own experience.

Comments

Add a comment

photo of
child/activity

Written
observation

Early
Learning
Goals
observed.



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Joint Observations

- Your child may feature in a joint observation with other children. Many assessments in EYFS involves interactions with other people.
- Other parents will therefore see your child's name if they feature in a joint observation.



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Some top tips
for adding to
your child's
journal.

- There are so many everyday interactions that can prove extremely useful to capture insightful observations about your child.
- Use any home learning activities as a starting point for making an entry – perhaps they are practising phonics or writing their name.
- Record your child reciting any of their favourite nursery rhymes or short stories.
- Ask your child to join in preparing a meal: talk to them about the ingredients and how they are preparing them (take photos of them helping you)



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Some top Tips for Adding to your child's journal.

- Cut out some pictures from a favourite magazine or draw characters from stories they enjoy. Stick these to lolly sticks to make puppets and ask your children to tell you the story.
- The Great Outdoors – go for a walk or ride on a scooter or bike. There are so many things your children may enjoy seeing and talking about when outside – perhaps they will notice the leaves are changing colours.
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Adding an observation via the web browser.

Adding an Observations on the Web

1) Select the child you are making the observation for. You will only see the children you are linked with here.

2) Give the observation a title.

3) (optional) In the 'Notes' section, write about what is happening.

4) (optional) Upload any photos or videos you would like to add. 'Add Files' and then 'Start Upload'

5) Click save!

Observations / Add Observation

Add Observation

Save

Observation

Children

Select Children

Title *

Notes

Media

Drag and drop files here or use the **Add Files** button below

Add Files **Start Upload** **Delete Selected Media**

Click "Save" to save your observation and view it.
Click "Save & Add Another" to save this observation and immediately start adding another.

Save & Add Another **Save**

Adding an observation using the App.

When you add an observation you'll use the screen on the right.

1) Cancel observation: This cancels the creation of a new observation. If you tap this by mistake, you can also undo the cancel.

2) Save observation: Saves your observation to the Tapestry server. Usually it requires approval from your child's setting before it is 'published'. You must add a title (3) and attach a child (6) to save the observation. If you haven't done this, you will be able to save a draft on your device or keep editing.

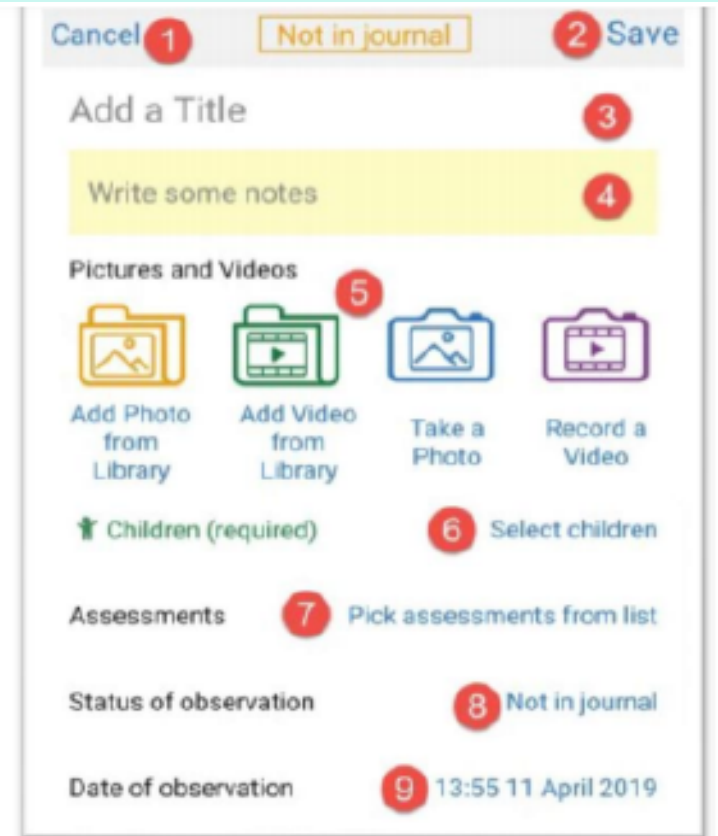
3) Add title: You need to write a title for your observation before you save it.

4) Notes: You can add text to the observation. The section will expand as you add text so you have plenty of space. Some users may see an 'Additional information' box. Whether this appears depends on your child's setting, so don't worry if you can't see it.

5) Add pictures and videos: You can add pictures and videos already saved on your device, or record them through the app.

The file limit for photos and videos is 100MB or a few minutes of HD video. If you record a video through the app you will be limited to 100 seconds of recording per video. If you need to upload a longer video or a larger file size, try editing it into parts or reducing the video quality before upload.

6) Select Children: You will only be able to choose your own children. You need to add a child before saving the observation.



The screenshot shows the observation app interface with the following elements and callouts:

- 1** Cancel button
- 2** Save button
- 3** Add a Title text field
- 4** Write some notes text area
- 5** Pictures and Videos section header
- 6** Children (required) section header
- 7** Assessments section header
- 8** Status of observation section header
- 9** Date of observation section header

Additional visible elements include: 'Not in journal' button, 'Add Photo from Library', 'Add Video from Library', 'Take a Photo', 'Record a Video', 'Pick assessments from list', and 'Not in journal' status option.



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Home Learning via Tapestry

- We are very pleased that we will be able to share exciting activities for your children to complete at home and we look forward to receiving photos and comments about how your children are enjoying these tasks.
- In our current climate, we believe this is an invaluable way to continue to support your children's learning if for any reason they are unable to attend school.
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Thank you

- Thank you very much for taking the time to attend this session.
- We are very excited to be able to open up this collaborative way for us to communicate together to promote a wonderful learning journey for your children.
- We hope that you enjoy this window into your children's learning in school.

