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## **Tapestry – An Online Learning Journal**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share the next stage of our remote learning with you. Our teachers have been working hard to get some exciting learning activities ready for the children and to reconnect with them. We are currently using an online system of recording children's learning in Nursery and Reception and would like to extend this to all the children in the school and to their parents.

### **What is Tapestry?**

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 including Amazon Fire devices. We have chosen this company because they are a secure and also exciting way of keeping track of your child's learning and provide a way for them to keep in contact with their teachers.

### **Is it safe?**

With your permission we will set up an account for your child. You will receive a link connecting your email address to your child's/ren's account. For KS1/2 pupils it will be the start of their learning journey whilst Nursery and Reception will have some observations that have been made by staff earlier in the year. Tapestry is a secure site which the school have a subscription and access to accounts will only be for school staff and the child's parent/s. For more information you can visit <https://tapestry.info/security.html>

You will only have access to your child's account and this cannot be seen by other parents. In the circumstance that an observation has more than 1 child, there will be restrictions on what can be viewed and commented upon. Also, it is crucial that you do not share photos or videos 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this confidentiality is broken will be dealt with very seriously and will result in your access to the system being withdrawn.

### **How will it be used?**

Firstly we recognise that every family is different and that you know what will work best for you at this tough time. Teachers are planning opportunities that could be carried out in a number of ways and there is no right or wrong approach to completing the work. Younger children will need more adult support and we also recognise the fact that certain resources may not always be available.

Staff will upload 'memos' which will give the children instructions about learning opportunities. This may include tasks for the children to do, websites to visit followed by tasks, photos or videos. These memos will be available via the web browsers version. (Safari, google chrome- this can be accessed on PC's, laptops, tablets and phones)

Children will then complete the tasks and then share with their teacher what they have done using the observations section (this is available via the browser and app). This may be uploading documents, taking photos or videos of their work or simply typing into the notes sections. Teachers will then see the observations and be able to respond.

We are very excited about introducing this system to our school and would like you to find out more about it too. I would also like to signpost you to Tapestry's website where you will find lots of information and videos: <http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction>

**What I need to do now?**

Check the Tapestry link to see what the learning platform is about.

Talk to your child about the learning platform.

Wait for you log-on account details to be sent to you via email soon.

Please note that you can request your account to be closed at any point by contacting the school office on [office@southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@southwark.sch.uk)

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [jrice@stfcabrini.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:jrice@stfcabrini.southwark.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

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