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## Tapestry Consent for Reception Pupils

An effective partnership between home and school is an essential aspect of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), and we want to enable you to be as involved as possible in your child's education. In order to do this in Reception at Kimbolton we use a home school communication tool called **Tapestry**. In advance of setting up Tapestry for your child we require your consent so we are GDPR compliant.

### What is Tapestry?

Tapestry is an easy to use and secure online learning journal that helps early years' staff and families share and celebrate their children's learning and development. Tapestry builds a record of a child's experiences and journey through their early years, using an online electronic journal designed and developed specifically for the EYFS. Using photos, videos and diary entries, early years' staff, along with the child's parents/carers create a record of their child's learning 'journey' together. The Tapestry platform enables the information gathered to be kept as an electronic ongoing record.

All information held in the platform is stored securely and can be downloaded and shared as required. Parents are able to see their child's progress and what they have been learning, through the Tapestry platform as staff share observations that have been completed. Parents can also upload their own thoughts and comments to add to these. The communication between staff and parents that Tapestry enables, helps build a shared understanding of how each child can reach their full potential. This is a very exciting opportunity to see your child's learning journey in real time. In line with our Privacy Notice, the information stored will be held temporarily and destroyed when no longer required.

At Kimbolton Preparatory School we use Tapestry Online Learning Journal to record your child's learning journey in school, for you to view your child's interactions, friendships and learning activities. It is also for you to communicate with staff about your child and share your child's learning outside of school via photos, comments and video. Only you can see this by logging on securely. Often there will be other children in the photographs, so the same photo will be available to view by all parents of the children in that particular photo.

For the school to use Tapestry to record your child's learning journey and for parents to access the benefits of this learning journal please complete the consent form on the Engage Parent Portal.

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