

Learning Journey Policy

Aims

Springfields Pre-school ensures that all children attending the setting have a personal Learning Journey which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, to build up a record of each child's achievements during their time with us.

It will also show children's developmental progress through the different age bands of the EYFS.

Procedures

- Each child will have an Early Years Practitioner (EYP) allocated to them who will be responsible for the compilation of that child's Learning Journey.
- Springfields Pre-school uses an online Learning Journey system (Tapestry), allowing staff and parents to access the information from any computer via a personal, password-protected login.
- Staff access allows input of new observations and photos or amendment of existing observations and photos.
- Parent access allows input of new observations and photos or the addition of comments on existing observations and photos – parent log-ins do not have the necessary permission to edit existing material.
- Observations input into the Tapestry system are moderated by a senior member of staff before being added to the child's Learning Journey.
- Parents logging into the system are only able to see their own child's Learning Journey.
- Parents are asked to sign a consent form giving permission for their child's image to appear in other children's Learning Journeys, and to protect images of other children that may appear in any photos contained in their child's Learning Journey.
- The Learning Journey is started once the child has started Nursery. During the first term, entries will be made more frequently as staff get to know the children.
- New observational entries to a child's Learning Journey will usually be uploaded within two weeks of the observation being made.
- Observations are written in the present tense.
- In all written observations, other children will not be named.
- All photographs taken of children are taken using the settings tablets. Photographs are deleted once added to Learning Journeys. Tablets remain in the setting at all times.
- A child's learning journey is a document recording their learning and development and parents may add comments on observations or contribute photos, videos or information about activities they have been doing at home.

Security

- The Tapestry on-line Learning journey system is hosted on secure dedicated servers based in the UK.
- Access to information stored on Tapestry can only be gained by unique user id and password.

- Parents can only see their own child's information and are unable to login to view other children's Learning Journeys.

Signed on behalf of Springfields Pre-school