Tapestry- A Parents' Guide



Observations by key person's

As a setting we use Tapestry where we observe and record key moments in your child's development.

This is a quick outline of how we do this for your information;

- 1. We write a record of what we saw your child do
- 2. We try to quote the child accurately using the exact language they have used
- 3. Sometime we also note the progress or comment on the learning demonstrated
- 4. Sometime we will write next steps so you know what to focus on with your child at home.

Observations by Parents

One of the fantastic features of Tapestry is that parents can also add observations/wow moments from home to your child's journal. This is a great way of supporting us in assessing your child outside the nursery environment, it also provides us with opportunities to celebrate any achievements your child has made at home. Staff follow the guidelines above to ensure that the observation we make are purposeful and detailed, in a similar way we would appreciate it if you could follow the guidelines below.

- 1. Add a title to your observation to summarise your moment e.g Feeding the ducks
- 2. When writing your observation keep it simple. Try and record what your child said in their exact words and then comment on why this is a wow moment e.g 'X was excited to feed the ducks, she said "Look that duck is big than that duck." X is starting to point out the differences between different objects.'
- 3. If you wish you can add a photo or video to your observation.

Commenting on observations by practitioners

When you read the observations by staff there is an option for you to leave a reply. Perhaps your child has done something similar at home or is showing particular interest in the topic of the observation-if so we would love to hear about it. If we have written a next step then you can also reply to the observation telling us about how your child got on at home e.g 'X loved talking about this painting at home and could tell us how he mixed the colours to make orange'

Remember

- -Publishing of any observations/photos from Tapestry onto social media is prohibited
- -Contact a member of staff if you are unsure about how to use any of the Tapestry features
- -Celebrate your child's development by sharing the learning journal with them at home, we are sure your child would love to talk about what they have been learning at nursery.
- -We will be especially interested to hear about your child's progress in relation to targets we set and share with you.

