



# Radcliffe-on-Trent Pre-School Playgroup



Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re: TAPESTRY – interactive learning journal to give you more involvement in your child’s learning**

We have introduced a new technology in Playgroup for carrying out the child assessments required by the EYFS. We have chosen to use Tapestry because it allows sharing of information for the benefit of children. It will make it easier for families to be involved in their young child’s activities and achievements when they are at Playgroup. Tapestry keeps families updated with their child's learning and achievements, whilst also giving your child’s Key Person the means to incorporate home learning activities into her/his own assessments.

Tapestry will enable your child’s Key Person to:

- Collect observations of your child
- Assess learning in line with the 2012 EYFS Framework
- Create a personalized album of your child's experiences
- Evaluate your child and track progress over time
- See 'All About Me' information about your child and his/her family

### **How Tapestry works for families**

Tapestry will invite you by email to link to your child's record (please check that this e-mail is not in your SPAM account). When you receive an e-mail invitation, please register yourself as a Tapestry user via the link provided on the e-mail. You will be asked to set up a password and pin number. You will then be connected in real-time with your child's learning through the website.

- Share information about your child and family with Playgroup
- See observations and/or assessments made about your child's learning and photos of their experiences in real-time.
- Share your child's at-home learning activities with Playgroup

We will continue to make up scrapbooks of your child’s pictures, drawings, collages and other photos which you will receive when your child leaves Playgroup.

### **Safeguarding and secure maintenance of records**

The attached Tapestry Safeguarding document provides you with information about how children's records are maintained securely. We have considered very carefully how we use Tapestry in the setting to ensure that data is held as securely as possible.

**E-mail details**

To ensure that we use the right email address to send your invitation and information through Tapestry, please state below your preferred email address(es) and return the slip to Playgroup as soon as possible. You may choose to have the information sent to more than one Parent or Carer.

If you do not use e-mail please speak to us so we can arrange an alternative assessment method for your child.

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**TAPESTRY EARLY YEARS EMAIL CONTACTS SLIP**

By completing this slip you consent to us using your email address(es) listed below for communicating Orbit Early Years assessments to you. Please write your email address clearly!

Name of Child at Playgroup:.....

Date of birth:.....

Preferred e-mail address (1<sup>st</sup> Parent/Carer):.....

Name (1<sup>st</sup> Parent/Carer):.....

Preferred e-mail address (2nd Parent/Carer):.....

Name (2nd Parent/Carer):.....