

## Information about Tapestry

In October 2015 we started using a piece of educational software called 'Tapestry'. Tapestry is an online journal which allows you to view your child's observations, photographs and videos from their time at St Michael's preschool, almost as they happen. You will receive a link via email before your child starts with us and you set up your own username and password. This can be accessed via an app on your phone or on the internet. You are only able to view your own child's journal, you may be able to see their friends in the Videos or photographs. On the registration form, which is given when your child starts with us, we have asked permission for this to be allowed. It's a parent's choice. If this is a 'no' then we will make sure that, that child is in no one else's videos or photographs.

Tapestry allows you, as your child's primary educator, to add videos and photos of your own this could be of outings, holidays or any activities you are doing at home with them. It also enables you to add comments to anything we have added. We love to hear and see what your child has been doing at home which we can then share with them at pre-school. You will also be able to share with key persons activities that your child has particularly enjoyed.

### **Where do I start?**

When your child is due to start with us, we will add their details to the system and yours. You will then receive an email with a link to set up your own username and password. This will enable you to log in and see your child's learning journal. This can be



done via the Tapestry App

this is the logo or you can log in via the web

<https://eylj.org> . If you have any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

### **What will happen when logged in?**

Once you are up and running you should receive notifications of when something has been loaded to your child's journal. I would suggest you check weekly anyway as we have had some feedback that some parents don't receive them or check your settings as ours are the same for all parents. We will be sending an observation of your child at least once a week when they are at preschool. We send all half termly newsletters, any memos, invoices, developmental reports and any other letters this way.

**What happens when my child leaves?**

When it is time for your child to move on from us, we will change a setting on your child's journal and you will be able to download it for you to keep.