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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Bumblebees we are always assessing our practice and looking at how we can improve. We have reviewed the learning journals that we produce for each child within our setting. These are made up of the information, observations and photos that the team gather for each child. All of this information helps us to assess the children's learning and development and plan appropriately for each child. Traditionally these individual records have been collected in scrapbooks or binders, building up into a treasured memoir that children can take with them when they leave for the next stages of their journey through life - each entry forming a thread in the warp and weft of the tapestry that is their life.

We started to look at how technology can help and discovered a system designed by Early Years Foundation Forum called Tapestry.

Tapestry is an online learning journal. This system is hosted in the UK on secure servers. These servers conform to very high environmental standards and are proactively managed 24 hours a day. Each Tapestry account has its own database and the code itself is developed using hack-resistant techniques. We will now, with the use of iPads/tablets, be able to instantly produce the information we require to support each child. Each observation we make will be done directly onto the mobile app and linked into your child's personal profile. These observations can include notes, photographs and EYFS assessments, characteristics of learning and videos. They can be enhanced by comments from other staff and parents, and each page appears in a pleasing and coherent way. You will be able to view the complete set of observations as a learning journey, flipping through your single child's observation pages, in time-order, or filtering in flexible ways to access your favourite records. Bookmark your favourites for quick access.

Each child's journey can have individual accounts set up for parents and relatives to access. Parents can comment on new entries and even add their own. We thought that this part of the program was particularly good, especially for any parent working away or in the services etc. You would always be able to access what your child had been doing at nursery. You will receive automatic emails generated for parents when new entries are made. These records will also help us make assessments of your children to ensure their learning and development is being met correctly.

Then finally, when your child is ready to leave or move to their next journey, we will convert to PDF and give to parents as CD or print hardcopies as appropriate.

Please complete the consent form attached to say you agree for us to set up a Tapestry account for your child.

Yours faithfully,

**For and on behalf of Bumblebees Day Nursery (Plymouth) Ltd**

*Gemma Whittington*

**DIRECTOR**

**Tapestry online agreement form**

I give permission for Bumblebees Day Nursery (Plymouth) Limited to create an online Tapestry Learning Journey for \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child).

The e-mail address I would like to link with the account so I have access to my child's Learning journey is \_\_\_\_\_ . (provide your e-mail address).

**Agreed guidelines for accessing and using Tapestry 'Online Learning Journeys'**

As a parent I will

- Not publish any of my child's observations, photographs or videos on any social media site
- Understand that my child's image may be used in another child's profile if they are engaged in the same activity. This image will not be shared by the other parent (please see above point)
- Keep the login details within my trusted family
- Speak to a member of staff if I experience any difficulties accessing my child's learning journey

I agree to the guidelines:

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by \_\_\_\_\_ .. so we can set up your account and send out your login details shortly.

*Thank you,  
Bumblebees Day Nursery*