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Dear Parents,

St. Christopher's EYFS uses an online learning journey called **Tapestry**. This is an online learning journey which records photos, videos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us.

Tapestry 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. Filenames are encoded for uploaded videos and images, making Tapestry a safe and secure on-line Learning Journey tool. The benefits to yourselves from Tapestry being online means you will have secure access (via a website which you login into using your email address and a password) to your child's Learning Journey and, in addition to viewing our contributions, we encourage you to add to it by uploading photos and comments, or commenting on observations made by us.

St Christopher's has its own secure Tapestry website. Once you have provided the school with an e-mail address we will be able to set you up with an account. We can arrange a meeting to go through using Tapestry once we have set up an account for you.

If you do not have access to e-mail your child is still able to have an online Learning Journey which you can access through the use of school computer equipment during specific dates throughout the year. It is also possible to provide print outs of the Learning Journeys, and you will receive an email of your child's Learning Journey as a PDF at the end of the Reception Year, or when they leave the setting. However, depending on the size of this file we may need to put it onto a CD.

In order for your child's Learning Journey to be created please give us permission by completing the attached slip. Also if you provide your e-mail address below and a photo of yourself to gib.secretary@modschoools.org we will set up an account enabling you to access your child's learning journey via the secure Tapestry website. (Please note each parent only has access to their own child's Learning Journey).

In addition, we can add your relatives email addresses, they too can have access and comment on your child's learning journal. The responsibility of ensuring the access remains within the profile and not shared on social media is down to each parent. This is worth considering when offering access to extended family, but also useful opportunity for relatives to support and comment on their relatives learning journey especially while your family is posted here in Gibraltar.

Please could all return slips be returned as soon as possible, so we can set up your Tapestry accounts ready for you to begin adding in your own observations.

If you have any questions or queries about the on-line Learning Journeys please do not hesitate to ask me.

Many thanks,

Miss T Wood - EYFS Leader



I (name of parent) give permission for St. Christopher's EYFS Unit 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)

OR

If you do not have access to e-mail please tick this box and you will be able to view your child's learning Journey using school equipment during specific times throughout the year.