



New changes to the EYFS

Dear parents/carers,

As some of you many already know, there have been some recent changes to the EYFS and the way in which we ensure the children are making progress in all areas of their development. Previously, each child would have next steps which were based alongside the development matters, activities would then be set to help the children achieve those goals and their key person would track their development termly.

Going forward, there will be no requirements for children to be neither 'tracked' nor numerous amounts of written evidence. The guidance now states that the key people will use their professional judgement on the children's development and will as always; continue to raise concerns should there be any. The key people will still use Tapestry to upload "wow moments," these being particular moments where your child has achieved something for the first time or is showing development in key areas.

As a setting we have decided we will complete an end of term observation in replacement of the progress reports, this will consist of an overall summary of the term and what your child has achieved as well as what they will be hoping to achieve throughout the next term. Each week, staff gather as much information about the children's interests and what experiences they've had outside of nursery. This information ensures that we can plan and implement activities that are best suited to the children's interests and needs.

The approach to education that we are implementing is inspired by the curiosity approach. This approach aims to use natural resources, real life experiences and limited plastic to entice the children's natural curiosity. Using these resources, experiences and the children's interests, we hope that our standard of education and practice will be the best it can be. We would love for parents to be a part of this new learning journey and save any unwanted household items because it's amazing what we can do with some imagination! Some examples of items that can be useful to us are empty spice jars, jam jars, buttons, cotton reels, tea cups, stones, pebbles, log slices, old photo frames, hats, handbags, china tea sets, old board game pieces, chalk boards, mirrors, wooden units and furniture etc. Anything can be of use to us.

A big thank you to all of those who have been sharing some lovely pictures/videos of all the exciting things the children have been taking part in at home, it gives a lot of support to the staff to incorporate home interests into their learning. It also enables us to have a deeper understand of your child's cultural capital and what life experiences they have had. This information helps us to plan activities and experiences that your child may not have had outside of nursery. Please could you all ensure you let me know if you are unable to access your Tapestry account.