

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: E-safety and sharing information

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Tapestry Policy

Statement of intent

At Ridgemount Cottage we use an online system called Tapestry to record and store all observations and assessments relating to each child.

This is a safe and secure system and one that enables parents and carers to access their child's learning journey at any time.

They can share it with their child, family and friends at home and also post any comments and photographs of their own, helping to create a fully holistic view of the child and strengthen the parent partnership.

Safety and security

Staff members use tablets to take the photographs for observations which are uploaded to the journals.

Each staff member has a secure login which is password and pin protected.

The tablets are kept in a secure cupboard in the office and may only be taken home by staff members for specific reasons and with the express consent of management.

Staff will be allocated time at work to update journals and assess their key children's next steps. Dedicated tablets are provided for this purpose.

Overnight tablets are stored in the locked office. Staff should have minimal need to work on journals at home but if they wish to do so they may access the Tapestry site using their own device.

Staff are not permitted to download any photographs of the children onto their own devices. If staff do work on Tapestry at home, they should be aware of any other people around them and make sure they are not overlooked. They must logout as soon as they have stopped working.

If any member of staff suspects that their login details have been compromised in any way, they must inform the pre-school managers and new login details will be created.

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The Tapestry on-line Learning Journey system is hosted on secure dedicated servers based in the UK.

All data held on our Tapestry account is owned by Ridgemount Cottage; we are registered controllers of data with the Information Commissioner's Office and are bound by the Data Protection Act.

Photographs stored on the tablets are deleted on a regular basis by a member of staff.

Staff (INTENT)

Observations will be made

Monitoring will be undertaken

Parents

Parents logging in to the system can only access their own child's Learning Journey.

Parents may input new observations and photos, and add comments to existing observations. They do not have the necessary permission to edit existing content.

Parents are asked to sign a consent form giving permission for their child's image to appear in other children's Learning Journeys, and to protect images of other children that may appear in any photos contained in their child's Learning Journey. If parents withhold this consent their child is only ever photographed alone and no shared observations are made including that child.

Parents without internet

For parents without access to the internet, we will print all the information from Tapestry and

collate it into a paper Learning Journey. This will be in the setting for the parent to view at all times and will be available to take home.

When children leave

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When children move to another setting we will transfer the Tapestry account to the new setting, if they also use Tapestry. If they do not, we will email a PDF to the setting.

When a child leaves the setting to start school we will email the parents a PDF copy of their child’s Learning Journey so they have a lasting record of their child’s time at pre-school.

The child’s information, and their Learning Journey will be permanently deleted from our Tapestry account, after 6 weeks.

Data with regard to safeguarding will be retained on a child once they have left for up to 6 years.

This policy was adopted by RIDGEMOUNT COTTAGE NURSERY LTD

On June 2023

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Signed on behalf of the provider *Stewart Hendry*

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