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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Willow Academy, we value the strong relationships we have with parents and carers and we know how much you care about your child's progress. To support this, we are very pleased to announce that our new online learning journeys are ready to go live!

This year for the first time we are using an on-line educational package called 'Tapestry', a system, which is hosted in the UK on secure servers.

By logging on with a secure username and password (**details of which will be sent to you via the email you provide**) you will be able to view all of your child's observations, photographs and even video from their time in Reception here at Willow! Staff will make comments based on their observations of the children and these are used to inform our planning and our assessments.

You will even **receive an email** telling you when a new observation or piece of work is available for you to view. This will enable you to follow your child's individual progress closely and allows you to reflect upon their achievements.

You can also add your own comments/observations so that we, as a staff, can find out about the learning that they get up to at home. An example of how to do this effectively is on the sheet attached.

You can download the Tapestry App on most smart phones or access using the link provided –

<https://tapestryjournal.com/>

All of the information is stored on a highly secure server which is monitored closely. Please note that parents will only have access to their own child's learning journey. E-safety is extremely important to us at Willow, therefore we ask you to provide us with the following information and to sign the agreement to show that you understand and will agree with our guidelines.

Please return by Friday 22th September. Once we have received your replies we will set you up and you should receive an email from Tapestry with your log in details.

We are sure that you will love this new way of viewing your child's achievements as much as we do!

Thank you, from the Foundation Stage Team.

Child's Name: _____ Parent's name: _____

Parent's email address: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to your child's class teacher and we will set up your account and send your log in details shortly. _____



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