

Famly On-line Learning Journal

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At Houghton and Wyton Pre-School we ensure that all children attending our setting have a personal learning journal which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), to build up a record of each child's achievements during their time with us. It also shows each child's developmental progress through the EYFS.

We will be using an online system called Famly and this policy sets out how this online system will operate.

Procedures

- Once a child starts at our Pre-School, they are allocated a Key Person who is primarily responsible for the compilation of their online learning journal.
- Parents will be given a secure login for the system, which only allows them to access information about their child, so that they can look at the journal and add to or comment on it at any time. We encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's journal and welcome interaction from parents online.
- Staff will generally update a child's learning journal whilst working in the setting however there may be times when it is necessary for staff members to work on them at home.
- Observations will be validated by a Manager or deputy before they are added to the learning journal.
- Famly should only be used to record a child's progress and should not replace general communication between either the Pre-School or the Key Person and parents.
- Photos of other children may appear in your child's learning journal if a group photo is taken during an activity or to demonstrate that your child is building relationships with other children. All parents are asked to sign a permission form which permits their child's photo to appear in their own and other children's learning journals. Surnames of other children should not be included.
- You will still be able to view your child's learning journal on Famly once your child leaves the Pre-school, but you will no longer be able to see/access other areas of the app.

Safeguarding and Security

- The Manager, Deputy Manager and Business Support Officer control all staff and parent access to the online system.
- All staff are subject to Updated Enhanced DBS checks
- All staff are required to sign to agree to abide by this Policy as well as the Staff Behaviour Policy, our Safeguarding Policy, e- safety Policy and all other policies and procedures in place.
- Staff sign self-declaration forms declaring that neither themselves or anyone who lives with them have any convictions, cautions, court orders or reprimands and warnings which may affect their suitability to work with children.
- If staff work on learning journals at home, they are still subject to our policies listed above but are also asked to ensure they work in a private room away from other family members wherever possible.
- At all times staff must ensure that they log out of the system when they are not using it ensuring that nobody else can view information on it. Staff are also not permitted to share their passwords with other staff members or anyone else.
- Staff access to the online system will be immediately revoked if they leave the Pre-School and their details deleted from the system.
- Photos of children will only be taken on the Pre-Schools tablets which are kept locked up in Pre-School when not in use and are also password protected. The Manager or Business Support Officer will regularly delete photos stored on the tablet.

- Parents will only be given access to their own child's online learning journal and it is important that parents do not share their passwords with anyone else. Parents are not permitted to upload any media from Family onto any social media site, such as Facebook.
- Our Pre-School complies with all relevant data protection legislation, covering both electronic and hard copy data. And is registered with the ICO
- Family is a secure system and full details of their privacy policy is available by accessing <https://family.co/privacy-policy/>

*This policy was adopted at a meeting of **HOUGHTON & WYTON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP***

To be reviewed as required.

Signed on behalf of the Parent Management Committee:



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