

Monday 5th October 2020

Tapestry – your child’s online journal

At Kingswood we use ‘Tapestry’, an online learning journal, to share observations we have made about your child at school, and to set targets based on the needs and interests of your child. By sharing these targets with you they can be worked on at home and at school. Families participate by adding comments and photos to the journal, to celebrate the progress their child is making towards the target that has been set. Research tells us that if parents take an active interest in their child’s early education this will hugely benefit their child’s progress. You will also have a lasting record of your child’s learning journey at Kingswood, which can be downloaded or printed to keep forever.

More information about Tapestry can be found at: <http://eyfs.info/tapestry-info/introduction>

On our website there is a full explanation of how to use Tapestry:
<http://kingswood.herts.sch.uk/download/tapestry-parents-guide/>

We can see that the majority of parents have already set up their account and logged in. It has been lovely to see all of the photos from home – these are very special to the children. **Staff are always here to help, so if you have questions please ask.**

Remote education for the children of Kingswood will be via Tapestry.

The reality is that Kingswood may be faced with the possibility of having to close at some point. If a child or staff member has a positive coronavirus test result, we have to phone Public Health England, who will carry out an assessment and may tell us that we have to shut one ‘bubble’ (either Pre-School or Nursery) or shut the whole school. Of course this is the last thing we want, but we do need to be prepared.

Therefore, the staff have been working on what we will offer to your child if we do have to shut and we want to share this timetable with you.

9am	12 noon	2pm	3pm
<p>Teaching task</p> <p>Key Persons will take it in turns to lead an activity. Different subject areas will be covered throughout the week.</p>	<p>Story Time</p> <p>Key Persons will take it in turns to read a story and to make suggestions about what you could talk about together.</p>	<p>Self-help challenge</p> <p>Support staff will set a task to develop your child’s self-help skills, enabling them to become more independent.</p>	<p>Songs with Sarah</p> <p>Join in with Sarah who will sing some of your favourite songs.</p>

In addition, Natalie will set a ‘Well-being Wednesday’ target each week.

These tasks will go live at the times stated, **BUT you do not have to watch them at these times**, as they will be on your child's Tapestry learning journal and therefore can be watched whenever you want and as often as you want.

In addition, each Key Person will be regularly checking your child's learning journal and setting one individual target for your child every week.

We need you to respond to the activities set and let us know how you are getting on with the tasks and targets. We love to see photos and videos of your child taking part in activities.

It is extremely important that, if you have not done so already, you have logged into Tapestry and are familiar with how it works. If Kingswood does have to fully close then staff will not be on site to help you, they will be in self-isolation themselves.

The regulations are:

Public Health management of COVID-19 in school settings



Kingswood Nursery School is fully or partially closed because a child or adult has had a positive coronavirus test.



All children (and staff) sent home from Kingswood MUST self-isolate for 14 days.

Your child will not need to have a coronavirus test unless they display symptoms.

Other children and adults in the household can continue to attend school and work, PROVIDING they do not display any symptoms.



Kingswood will advise you when we are re-open. In the meantime, access remote education via Tapestry.

If you have any questions regarding Tapestry or our remote education offer, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The most important thing you can do now is to make sure you can access Tapestry to ensure that your child does not miss out.

Kind regards,

Bernice Jackson

Headteacher