



Observations Policy

As a childcare provider who follows the EYFS Statutory Framework it is required that we make observations of the children we care for.

The Tithe Barn Preschool will:

- Make systematic observations and assessments of each child's achievements, interests and learning styles
- Use these observations and assessments to identify learning priorities and plan relevant and motivating learning experiences for each child
- Match their observations to the expectations of the Early Learning Goals and Characteristics of Learning
- Share these observations and assessments with Ofsted, other professionals and childcare providers
- Use Tapestry Online Learning Journeys to record photos, videos, notes and assessments of the children's learning
- Create 'Learning Journals' with the children where they can record their own work, or stick in special pieces of work

The Tapestry Online Learning Journeys are added to on a daily basis. An email will be generated by Tapestry informing parents with a link to their child's learning. Parents can view what their child has been learning and comment accordingly. Parents can also add their own observations from home.

The Learning Journal will be shared on a termly basis, and parents are encouraged to comment on the achievements of their child.

All of these observations will be kept confidential except for sharing with Ofsted, other professionals and your child's childcare providers, for example, other settings your child attends.

When the child leaves our setting, these observations are given to the family to help the transition to a new setting and a precious keepsake of their time with us.

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Signed:  