



Tynecastle Nursery School

Guidelines for Parents

Personal Learning Journals





We will start an online personal learning journal for you and your child when they begin at Tynecastle Nursery School. You will be given your own login so that you can securely access your child's profile at any time from any computer.

We will ask you to help get us started by making links to their previous experiences. This will be done by talking with you and asking you to complete a questionnaire called 'Getting to Know You.'

We will begin their own personal 'Learning Story' by recording something that you and your child think is a strength and something they would like to learn. This will become part of an assessment cycle where children, parents and staff work together to share learning intentions.

In nursery, we will use the journal to collect observations, information and assessment evidence of your child's learning, progress and development in conjunction with 'The Curriculum for Excellence.'

We will use the 8 subject areas of the Curriculum for Excellence:

- Expressive arts
- Health and wellbeing
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Religious and moral education
- Sciences
- Social studies
- Technologies

We will identify one of the four 'Purposes' of learning of the Curriculum for Excellence:

- Successful Learners
- Effective Contributors
- Responsible Citizens
- Confident Individuals

The children will be asked to comment on what they were learning or doing in the photograph in their journal. By doing this we are encouraging the children to recognise their own learning, progress and achievements.

The personal learning journal belongs to your child. Together we will add in new achievements and goals from time to time. But it is important to remember that it is the communication between you, your child and staff that is most important.

It is not only what your child learns in nursery that counts—children's successes at home can also be recorded. Your input is a vital part of your child's learning and we welcome your contributions.





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