

What has my child been doing at school?!

## Portal Interactive Learning Diary - A Parent's Guide

### What is Portal?

In Reception we are constantly observing what your child can do so that we know what they can do and what they need next. These observations are mostly what your child does in their independent learning time and some teacher led opportunities.

We record these observations on the Portal Interactive Learning Diary. The observations may consist of photographs, video or written observations. The Portal is an online diary so has the added feature that you - as parents/carers - can view your child's observation diary and add to it.

### Positives

Some of the positives of using the Portal are;

- You can share the 'diary' and talk to your child about what they have been learning at a relaxed time that is good for everyone.
- Relatives or family members that live a long way away can see what your child has been learning.
- The children can talk about and reflect on their learning.
- You can discuss what your child has been doing at the parents meetings with your teacher.

### How to Access the Portal Interactive Learning Diary

School will generate a password for you to access your child's interactive diary using the email that school has for you. This will be sent home at parents evening. If you would like an alternative email to use please let your class teacher know. You can also download the app ILD parent 2.

The address for the Portal is [www.interactivelearningdiary.co.uk/ParentPortal.aspx](http://www.interactivelearningdiary.co.uk/ParentPortal.aspx)

Please be patient if there are any initial technical problems with logging on. Please come and speak to your class teacher if there are any problems, technical or otherwise and we will endeavor to fix them.



## Key Points

Some key points for everyone to remember;

- Please **do not** feel like you have to add any observations. Only add things your child would like to be put on or you would like to share. The Portal is an opportunity for positive shared **talk** - parent-child; child-teacher; parent-teacher. It is not a 'homework' exercise for the parents! We are just really happy to share all the great things we have seen your child doing at school and we love to see what your child is doing at home.
- Sometimes we don't observe your child doing things in school which they might do all the time at home. If at the parents evening meeting there is something that you see your child do at home that we aren't seeing evidence of at school, please add something to the 'Observations'. This does not mean that we will necessarily change our assessments but it does mean that we will consider how to change our practice and provision to give your child the best opportunities to show us what they can do in school.
- Please remember - this is a working document. Although we endeavor to post all written observations with excellent grammar and punctuation, the observations are often written very quickly - as they are happening. It is more important that we are actually present and supporting the learning, rather than typing!
- **THE MOST IMPORTANT - ALL observations** - reception practitioners or parents/carers - are always positive! Please come and talk to your class teacher if there is something you are not happy with rather than post it.

To protect identities of children we will make sure that only initials are used instead of full names or a generic description is used in the observations made with multiple children in. These photographs will be seen by all of the families with children in the photographs. We ask that you treat the journals with confidentiality and only share the journals with family members.

**This is a record of your child's achievements and is a celebration of all the amazing things they have done so far!**

**We hope you enjoy sharing your child's journal with them!**

