

Contract for the Tapestry Online Learning Journal

The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd

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A note on this contract

This is the new contract between The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd and our customers who use Tapestry.

If you have read the previous version, you can see a list of changes at the end of this document, or a version with "Track Changes" at <https://tapestry.info/security.html>.

The main change is to how we tell you who our sub processors are and what we do when we update them.

A non-contractual note on Brexit

If you are a customer in the EU

The EU has decided that UK data protection law is 'adequate'. You can read more about this on the European Commission website https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/international-dimension-data-protection/brexit_en.

This should mean that you can continue to use Tapestry as you have always done.

This also means that the [Annex G: Standard Contractual Clauses for EU customers](#) are no longer required.

If you are a customer in the UK

No action is required. The UK data protection law is pretty much the same as the EU GDPR that we were operating under before Brexit and data can flow freely between the EU and the UK. If you haven't already, it is worth taking the time to understand your and our responsibilities in the law. A good starting point is the UK Information Commissioner's Office <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>.

Your contract with us for the use of Tapestry

1. We are The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd, a company registered in England with company number 05757213 and a registered address of WaterCourt, 65 High Street, Lewes, England, BN7 1XG, UK.

2. You are a childminder, educator, nursery, school or similar educational organisation.

What you get

3. This contract is for a 12 month subscription to Tapestry, our online learning journal, together with:
 - Our tutorials
 - Email support during UK business hours
 - Access to the discussion forum and educational resources on <https://eyfs.info>

What you do not get

4. We do not provide telephone or face to face support. However, at our discretion, we may offer to call you if we feel a query could be better resolved over the phone. We also do offer bookable telephone support sessions for a fee.
5. We do not provide direct support to any relatives that you add to Tapestry. If they contact us, we will usually direct them back to you. We do this because it is difficult for us to know whether their requests are authorised by you.
6. We do our best to provide Tapestry at all times (see our [Annex B: Tapestry Security](#)), but we cannot guarantee this.

Tapestry, our online learning journal

7. You must be the Data Controller of the information that you enter into Tapestry (as you are for your paper records); we will be the Data Processor. If you don't know what those terms mean, it is essential that you find out. A starting point for finding out is <https://ico.org.uk>.
8. You agree with our approach to data protection, privacy and security and to do your part. We describe our approach and what we expect of you in these linked annexes:
 - [Annex A: Tapestry Data Protection](#)
 - [Annex B: Tapestry Security](#)
 - [Annex C: Tapestry Privacy](#)
 - [Annex H: Age appropriate design](#) - only relevant if you are in the UK and allow children to log into Tapestry
9. You agree to our current sub-processors:
 - [Annex D: Tapestry Sub-processors](#)
10. We are compliant with UK data protection legislation (sometimes referred to as the 'UK DPA 2018') and EU data protection legislation (sometimes referred to as the 'GDPR').
11. This contract contains the terms required for a data processing agreement under UK and EU data protection legislation.
12. We will help you to comply with your duties under UK and EU data protection legislation. In most cases you can use the tools we provide. If you ask us for extra

help in complying we will give it to you, but we may charge you our costs in helping. More detail is provided in [Annex A: Tapestry Data Protection](#).

13. If you wish to audit us under UK or EU data protection legislation, you may do so, but we may charge you our costs in participating in your audit.

Our tutorials

14. You may copy, store, share and adapt our tutorials for the purpose of making better use of Tapestry.

Our Billing and Support System

15. If you contact us by email or through our websites then we will store and process the information you provide in our billing and support system. Unlike the data you enter into Tapestry, we are the Data Controller for information in our billing and support system. We describe how we use that data in [Annex E: Billing and support data](#).

Our Discussion Forum

16. You do not need to use our discussion forum. But if you choose to, then you agree to the conditions set out in [Annex F: Use of our discussion forum](#).

Fees

17. You must pay our fee in full before we will start your Tapestry subscription
18. Our fee, as set out on our website, is based on the maximum number of children you wish to have in your Tapestry account during the 12 month subscription.
19. You can add or remove individual children throughout the year so long as the maximum number of children is not exceeded at any one moment.
20. If you have not paid your fee in full then:
 - We may not provide access to Tapestry.
 - After 90 days, we will delete the data that you have entered into Tapestry.
21. If you wish to increase the maximum number of children you can have in your Tapestry account during the 12 month subscription then we will charge you the difference between what you have paid and the current fee for an account with the increased number of children. This will not extend your subscription.
22. You must pay us UK Pounds Sterling including any applicable VAT. If you choose to pay by bank transfer you must bear all currency conversion and bank transfer costs.

Termination

23. You can stop using Tapestry at any time and ask us to return and / or delete the data you have entered into Tapestry, but we will not refund any fees that you have paid unless:
 - You are within the first month of your Tapestry subscription
 - We materially change this contract to your detriment
24. We may, after discussing the situation with you, stop providing you with Tapestry if you:

- misuse our systems or
- create an unreasonable load on our systems or
- cause us unreasonable costs or
- abuse our staff or
- breach this contract.

Changes and disputes

25. If something goes wrong, unless otherwise required by law, our total liability to each other is limited to the annual fee that you have paid us for Tapestry.
26. One example of where the law requires different liability is in breaches of UK or EU data protection law. We can both be investigated and fined by the relevant supervisory authorities and we both may be liable to pay compensation for damages caused by breaching this law. If it later turns out that one or other of us wasn't responsible for the breach, then that party can claim back the share of liability from the responsible party – even if that is more than the annual fee that you have paid us for Tapestry.
27. Our contract with you is under English law and any dispute will be settled by an English court.
28. This document, together with its annexes are our entire contract with you. If you want to vary this contract, or add additional terms, then there will need to be written and explicit agreement between you and one of our company directors. To keep our costs and prices down, we rarely do this. In particular, unless explicitly agreed to by one of our company directors, we do not accept any standard purchasing terms and conditions that you may usually apply.
29. We may change this contract, but will give you reasonable warning.

Annex A: Tapestry Data Protection

We are The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd, a company registered in England with company number 05757213 and a registered address of WaterCourt, 65 High Street, Lewes, England, BN7 1XG, UK.

You are a childminder, educator, nursery, school or similar educational organisation.

This Annex relates to the use of Tapestry, our online learning journal. [Annex E](#) relates to data in our billing and support system. [Annex F](#) relates to data in our discussion forum.

We need to work together to ensure we are compliant with UK and EU data protection regulations when using Tapestry.

This annex should be read in conjunction with our overall contract and, in particular, [Annex B](#) which explains our approach to security and [Annex D](#) which includes a link to a list of our sub processors.

The legally required terms in a Data Processing Agreement or Contract

If you are in the EU or UK, then you must have a written contract with us (sometimes known as a Data Processing Agreement) and that, legally, must include some particular bits of information and commitments. This contract acts as that written contract and contains the required information and commitments.

To help you find them:

- The subject matter and duration of the processing is summarised below under 'What data is placed into Tapestry' and set out in detail in [Annex C: Tapestry Privacy](#)
- The nature and purpose of the processing is summarised below under 'What data is placed into Tapestry' and set out in detail in [Annex C: Tapestry Privacy](#).
- The type of personal data and categories of data subject is summarised below under 'What data is placed into Tapestry' and set out in detail in [Annex C: Tapestry Privacy](#).
- The obligations and rights of the controller are set out in "What we expect of you" and "What you can expect of us" below.
- The standard requirements on data processors (e.g., to act on written instructions, submit to audit, notify of breaches etc) are set out in "What you can expect of us" below.

Our jurisdiction

We are headquartered in the UK. This contract is under English law.

Our supervisory authority for data protection is the UK Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk>). Our registration number with them is Z1783069.

Where is data stored?

Our processing and storage of your data happens within the EU and the UK.

The primary processing and storage location is in the Republic of Ireland.

Our offsite backups are stored in Germany.

Our office is in the UK.

For the avoidance of doubt: The storage location is part of your contract with us. If we wished to change where your data is stored, we would need to change this contract, and contract changes always require agreement from both you and us.

To provide a little more detail:

- Almost all storage and processing is carried out on computers and networks provided by Amazon Web Services (AWS) a sub-processor who we list in [Annex D](#). We instruct them to only store data on computers in their data centres located in

Ireland (for the primary system) and Germany (for the backup system). They are contractually bound not to move data elsewhere without our permission.

- The exceptions are:
 - If you log into Tapestry when you are outside the EU or the UK, the data obviously has to be transferred outside of the EU and UK to get to you. This is unlikely to be a concern if you are a non-EU school or nursery because you won't be storing data about people who are in the EU. It is also unlikely to be a concern if it only happens every now and again and only concerns a few children (i.e., a parent logs in while on holiday). However, if you are an EU or UK based organisation, you should consider your policies for allowing staff to log into Tapestry if they are outside the EU or UK.
 - The contents of 'Push Notifications' to iOS, Android and Amazon apps will go via Apple, Google or Amazon servers respectively which may be outside the UK and EU. This only happens if ALL of the following are true: 1) 'Allow Push Notifications' is enabled in the Tapestry Control Panel; 2) 'Include names in push notifications' is enabled in the Tapestry Control Panel; 3) A person is using a version of our app that supports push notifications; 4) The person using our app enables push notifications for that device; 5) The person using our app consents to names being included in our push notifications.
 - [If you contact us to ask for support, and providing that support requires us to look at some of your data.](#)
 - [If we need to in order to diagnose or fix a bug and to know which staff members on your account to contact about it.](#)
 - [If we need to in order to otherwise improve the service.](#)

[The last 3 points are subject to strict safeguards. Some of these safeguards are: data is stored and processed only in the UK; only trained and vetted staff do it; we only store it on encrypted secure machines; the data is protected by multi factor authentication and remains encrypted in transit; we use only statistical data where possible; when we have to look at non-statistical data, we look at the minimum amount possible; we delete it as soon as possible.](#)

What data is placed into Tapestry?

Annex C: Tapestry Privacy sets out the subject matter and duration of our processing; the nature and purpose of the processing; the type of personal data and the categories of data subject.

In summary:

- The categories of data subject are the people you add to Tapestry. Typically children, staff and relatives of the children. You choose exactly who.
- The subject matter and types of personal data are typically: names, email addresses, dates of birth, post codes, contents of an online learning journal, records of a child's care, records of a child's attendance. You choose exactly what data.

Deleted: <#>If you contact us to ask for support, and providing that support requires us to look at some of your data then the relevant data may be viewed by our staff in the UK. The data remains stored in the EU. This is subject to strict safeguards. Some of the safeguards are: we only do it when we have to; we view as little data as possible; only trained and vetted staff do it; the data is protected by multi factor authentication and remains encrypted in transit.¶ On very rare occasions, and subject to strict safeguards, we may store and process some data locally in order to diagnose or fix a bug. On these occasions data will be stored and processed in the UK. Some of the safeguards are: we only do it when we have to – it is never routine; we store the minimum possible amount of data locally; we only store it on encrypted secure machines; we delete it as soon as possible.¶

- The nature and purpose of the processing is typically: to provide an online record of children's attendance, progress and care in order to monitor, share and analyse that attendance, progress and care. You choose exactly what is done with the data and who it is shared with.
- The duration of the processing is, at most, the duration of this contract plus the time taken for data to leave our backup system. It can be shorter if you choose to delete some or all of your data sooner.

Who is responsible for what?

The first thing to agree is that:

1. You are the data controller for data you, or the people you give access, add to Tapestry.
2. We are the data processor.

If you don't know what those terms mean, it is *essential* that you find out. A starting point for finding out is <https://ico.org.uk>.

You must:

- Have a lawful basis for entering data into Tapestry.
- Use Tapestry in a way that is compliant with data protection law.
- Respond to data protection requests.
- Keep your contact details on Tapestry up to date.

We must:

- Only process data on your instructions.
- Ensure that people we use to process your data are subject to a duty of confidence.
- Take appropriate measures to ensure the security of our processing.
- Only engage sub-processors who we have a written contract with, ensuring they are compliant with UK data protection law (see [Annex D](#)).
- Assist you in providing subject access and allowing data subjects to exercise their rights under data protection law.
- Assist you in meeting your legal data protection obligations in relation to:
 - the security of processing.
 - the notification of personal data breaches.
 - data protection impact assessments.
- Delete or return all personal data to you as requested at the end of the contract.
- Submit to your audits and inspections.
- Provide you with the information to meet your legal obligations.
- Tell you if we become aware of a data breach
- Tell you immediately if we are asked to do something infringing data protection law.

What we expect of you

You must have a lawful basis for putting data into Tapestry

We rely on you to ensure you have a lawful basis for putting data into Tapestry. If you haven't worked out what your lawful basis is, please do so immediately. Once again, the UK Information Commissioners Office, <https://ico.org.uk>, is a good starting point.

Please don't leap to assuming consent is the only lawful basis for you, but carefully consider the six possible bases described in law and work out which is right, given what you intend to store in Tapestry and how you intend to use and share it.

If you are relying on consent as your lawful basis, then we rely on you to have gained the consent for whatever data you intend to put on Tapestry and to remove data if consent is later withdrawn.

You must use Tapestry in a way that is compliant with data protection law

As the controller of the data you put in Tapestry, you must comply with data protection law. This includes ensuring that the data is:

1. Processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals.
2. Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes.
3. Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed.
4. Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay.
5. Kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals.
6. Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

Source: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/principles/>

We will do our part in helping you to comply (described below).

Tapestry allows you to upload and store documents, pictures, videos and text. Even where these do not contain personal information (e.g. a worksheet or song added to a planned activity, or a picture from the internet added to a memo) copyright and other laws may restrict what you can do with them. You are responsible for making sure the material you, or the people you authorise, add to Tapestry does not break the law.

You must respond to data protection requests

Using Tapestry normally involves processing data about people (children, possibly staff, possibly relatives). Those people may have rights under UK and EU data protection law, including:

1. The right to be informed
2. The right of access
3. The right to rectification
4. The right to erasure
5. The right to restrict processing
6. The right to data portability
7. The right to object
8. Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling

Source: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/>

You are responsible for responding to those requests. We have designed our system to help you to respond.

The right to be informed

In particular, please ensure you proactively dealt with the “right to be informed” – you must not wait for people to ask you.

The UK Information Commissioner’s Office has advice on this: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/right-to-be-informed/>.

You may wish to use our ‘[Annex C: Tapestry Privacy](#)’ as a starting point for informing your staff and the relatives and children whose data you add to Tapestry. But you will probably need to adapt it to cover: your contact details, your lawful basis for adding data, who you intend to share the data with and why and when you intend to delete the data. Since the new data protection law covers all data, whether it is on computer or on paper, you may wish to incorporate this into a single wider document that covers all the data you process.

You must keep your contact details on Tapestry up to date

You must keep your contact details up to date within Tapestry. We use these to:

1. Contact you
2. Verify that instructions we receive come from you

If they are not up to date, you may not receive our messages.

In particular, we sometimes receive requests from customers stating that the only manager registered on a school, childminder or nursery's Tapestry account has left, and requesting that the ownership be transferred to a new person. In order to verify that the request is legitimate we have to take several steps. Even if these steps are successful, they may mean a delay of weeks during which time Tapestry may not be accessible by you. To avoid this, please ensure you update contact details before a manager departs and, ideally, always register more than one manager on the Tapestry system.

What you can expect of us

We will only process data on your written instructions

Tapestry only does what you tell it. We do not do any processing that you do not tell us to do.

To be absolutely clear: we don't license or claim ownership of your data; we don't sell your data; we don't use your data for advertising; we don't pass on your data except when you instruct us to.

You can add users to Tapestry who, depending on the level of access you give them, can then also instruct Tapestry. You can adjust what data those users see and what they can do with the data.

People whose data you have added to Tapestry have a right to restrict processing. If you have been told by someone to restrict processing of their data, then you are responsible for not using Tapestry to do any further processing of that person's data. You are responsible for ensuring any users that you have added to Tapestry do no further processing. The easiest way to do that is to use Tapestry to mark the child or user as inactive.

Who can instruct us

We prefer to accept instructions through the Tapestry web interface or apps. This interface has options for authorising different users and giving them different levels of permission about what they can instruct us to do.

We may also accept instructions through our support ticket system or by email if they come from:

- Someone who we have verified is registered on the relevant Tapestry account with the status of a 'manager'.
- Someone who we have verified is an appropriate representative of the account owner (e.g., the head of a school, or the director or manager of a nursery).

Depending on the nature of the instruction and the route by which we receive the instruction, we may need to take extra steps to verify that the instruction is legitimate. This may lead to a delay in us carrying out the instruction.

If someone who isn't authorised tries to instruct us to do something, we will tell you about it. For example, this most commonly applies to relatives you add to the Tapestry account who ask us for access to their children's data because they cannot log in or you haven't provided them with data they think they are entitled to. We will direct those relatives back to you.

What does only 'written' instructions mean?

Under data protection law, we are not allowed to accept verbal instructions for data processing.

If you speak to us face to face or by telephone, you will need you to confirm any instructions you give us by:

- Carrying them out yourself through the Tapestry web interface or app
- Replying to our emailed summary of your instructions, confirming that you wish us to proceed.
- Repeating your instructions in a message through our support ticket system,
- Repeating your instructions by email,
- Repeating your instructions in a letter to us.

Instructions we do and don't accept

Sometimes our customers write to us with a 'data processing agreement' or 'data processing schedule' that sets out how they intend to use Tapestry (e.g., they intend to use Tapestry to store assessments, but not pictures and videos and intend to share those with other staff but not relatives). It is important to note that while we don't require you to store any particular data about any particular person, we also don't prevent you from storing any particular data about any particular person. So, in the case of the example, if an authorised member of staff later chose to upload a video or share an observation with a relative, we would not stop them.

What this means is that we cannot limit your use of Tapestry beyond the options we give users with 'manager' accounts on Tapestry to set permissions for other users. If you instruct us to apply further limitations, for example by sending us a schedule describing how you intend to use Tapestry, we cannot comply. However, we are always happy to provide you with help and guidance in how to set permissions within Tapestry to meet your needs.

Similarly, whilst we are always keen to receive suggestions about how to improve our security, we cannot accept instructions to apply particular security measures to your account that aren't already available in the Tapestry Control Panel. For example, we cannot currently accept instructions to restrict access to Tapestry for particular users to particular locations or times of day, though we have got features like that on our todo list.

We will ensure that people we use to process your data are subject to a duty of confidence

Our staff who process your data are:

1. Contractually bound to keep your data confidential.
2. Vetted by us. This includes a DBS check, which is updated annually.
3. Appropriately trained in data protection.

We will take appropriate measures to ensure the security of our processing

The measures we take are described in [Annex B](#).

We have started the process of becoming certified as ISO 27001 compliant. When we have become certified we will update this contract to confirm that we are.

We will engage sub-processors only if we have a written contract with them, ensuring they are compliant with UK data protection law.

We use sub-processors in a way that is compliant with UK and EU data protection law. Our sub-processors, what they do, and our process for seeking your agreement to any changes are described in [Annex D](#).

We will assist you in providing subject access and allowing data subjects to exercise their rights under data protection law

You can download all the information that has been entered into Tapestry.

We provide a section in the Control Panel where you can download a single file that brings together all the information Tapestry holds about a particular child or a particular user.

You can correct all the information that has been entered into Tapestry.

You can delete all the information that you have entered into Tapestry.

We will assist you in meeting your legal data protection obligations

The security of processing

We describe our current security approach in [Annex B](#).

If you believe that there is something that should be described in [Annex B](#) but is not, please let us know.

If you wish us to describe our security in a particular way (such as by filling out forms for you) then we may pass on our costs in doing so.

We do not usually implement bespoke security measures. However, we are always interested in improving our service, so please do let us know of anything that you would like to see.

Notification of personal data breaches

If we become aware of, or suspect, a data breach, we will tell you without undue delay. If you become aware of, or suspect, a breach, please tell us as soon as you can.

If there is a personal data breach, we will:

1. Help you to prevent further breaches (e.g., if someone has stolen a computer used by you to log into Tapestry, and you are concerned that your Tapestry password was stored on that computer, we can disable the relevant accounts and change the relevant passwords).
2. Help you to work out who has been affected.
3. Help you to work out what data may have been breached.
4. Help you to determine the cause of the breach.
5. Help you in your dealing with the Information Commissioners Office.

In the UK, The Information Commissioners Office require you to notify them of any data breach that is “likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals” within 72 hours of you becoming aware of it. EU data protection law has a similar requirement. We will prioritise our work to help you to meet that deadline.

If you wish us to go further than that, we will do our best but may have to pass on our costs in helping you.

Data protection impact assessments

We cannot carry out a data protection impact assessment for you, because we do not know what data you intend to place in Tapestry, who you intend to provide access to it, and what controls you intend to place on its access.

This contract should provide you with the material you would need from us in order to carry out your own data protection impact assessment. In particular you will probably want to review [Annex C: Tapestry Privacy](#) which contains what data *could* be collected and who it *could* be shared with, and [Annex B: Tapestry Security](#) which outlines the controls that we have in place around data security and suggests some issues that you would need to think about in your use of Tapestry.

If you wish us to provide additional help with your impact assessment, we will do our best but may have to pass on our costs in helping you.

We will delete or return all personal data to you as requested at the end of the contract

You can delete data at any time. You can download data at any time.

At the end of the contract our standard practice is to delete your data from our systems after 90 days. The data will be deleted from our backup systems 90 days after it is deleted from our systems. We are happy to delete your data sooner if you ask us to.

We are happy to return your data to you at any time. If you want your data in a particular format, we will do our best, but may have to pass on our costs in providing it to you in that format.

We will not delete data if we are required by law to keep it (for instance, for an ongoing police or data protection investigation).

We will submit to your audits and inspections

We provide our approach to security in [Annex B](#) for you to audit.

We have started the process of becoming ISO 27001 certified. When we have done so, we will update this contract and provide you with access to the certification for you to audit.

If you want to submit us to further audit or inspection, we will do our best to help you, but may have to pass on our costs in complying with your request.

We will provide you with the information to meet your legal obligations

We believe this contract and its annexes, combined with the tools provided within Tapestry, provide you with what you need to meet your legal obligations. If you think there is something missing, please let us know.

If you have a specific or unusual request for information, we will do our best to help you, but may have to pass on our costs in complying with your request.

We will tell you if we become aware of a data breach

If we become aware of a data breach, we will tell you about it and help you to meet your obligations as we've described above. We will do this without undue delay. Please keep your contact details up to date so that we can contact you quickly.

If we suspect a possible data breach we may 'lock down' access to Tapestry if we think that would help prevent a further breach. This would mean that some or all users of Tapestry would lose partial or complete access to Tapestry while we investigate and fix whatever led to the breach. We would inform you as soon as possible if we need to do this.

We will tell you immediately if we are asked to do something infringing data protection law

If we are asked to do something that we believe infringes data protection law we will not do so, and we will try and reach you through the contact details you have given us to explain what has happened.

If something goes wrong

Complaints

If you have a complaint, then please contact us at customer.service@eyfs.info.

Our Data Protection Officer

If you have a concern that we have not addressed, please contact our Data Protection Officer:

Lauren Foley dpo@eyfs.info WaterCourt 65 High Street Lewes England BN7 1XG UK

Frequently Asked Questions

With regard to Brexit: will the data be hosted and backed up in the UK once Brexit is finalised?

The current guidance from the ICO is that it will be completely fine for data about UK people to be stored and processed in the EEA at the end of the transition period, even if the UK and EU do not reach any agreement. But we are keeping an eye on developments and will make whatever changes are required to be compliant with UK data protection law as it changes.

Annex B: Tapestry Security

This annex relates to the use of Tapestry, our online learning journal. [Annex E](#) relates to data in our billing and support system. [Annex F](#) relates to data in our discussion forum.

Security of a software service or product involves many aspects, and satisfying yourself that you should put your trust in a product can and should require that you ask questions of the organisation and people overseeing that security. This annex aims to give you an understanding of who we are and how we have addressed the important issue of protecting the integrity of Tapestry.

Security Responsibilities

Security is only as strong as the weakest link. We therefore need to work with you, the account holder, together with any staff, children and relatives you give permission to use Tapestry to ensure the overall system is secure. This annex explains what we do and what we hope you will do.

The latest copy of this annex, together with our terms and conditions are always available in the Control Panel of your copy of Tapestry.

Who are we?

Tapestry is the name of a product that was conceived, developed and is owned by The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd., an early years organisation that has provided resources and support for the early years workforce since February 2003. We have contracts with many local authorities, some of which have been in place for ten or more years.

The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd

The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd is a VAT registered, private UK limited company.

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Our VAT registration number is 932933317.

You can write to us at our registered office, or email us at customer.service@eyfs.info.

Our contracts are under English law.

We have two directors: Helen and Stephen Edwards.

Director: Stephen Edwards MSc

Steve is the founder of the FSF. He worked for many years as a technical manager for the telecommunications organisation Ericsson, having completed a Masters Degree in information systems. He became interested in the early years as a result of his wife (Helen, see below) setting up a nursery in their home, and left Ericsson to set up the FSF in 2002 as a resource and support network for the early years workforce. He has been fully occupied with the FSF ever since, conceiving and driving the development of Tapestry as a part of this commitment.

Steve is the board member responsible for security.

Director: Helen Edwards DPhil

Helen has been working with young children since 1989, firstly as a primary school teacher, and then as a successful nursery owner/manager, followed by employment as a local authority advisor and university tutor, and more recently as an Ofsted inspector. She also holds the EYP status.

Data Protection Officer: Lauren Foley

Lauren Foley is our Data Protection Officer. Her direct email is dpo@eyfs.info.

Lauren joined The Foundation Stage Forum in 2014 after graduating from the University of Birmingham. She was designated our data protection officer after completing GDPR training in November 2017.

Data Protection Law

We are compliant with UK and EU data protection law. We describe our approach to data protection in [Annex A](#).

To summarise it in brief: You, the Tapestry account manager, own the data you put on Tapestry. We, The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd, do not. In technical terms, you are the Data Controller, we are the Data Processor.

We will only do things with data that you, or people that you give permission to, request.

We will not access your data without your permission.

We only use the data you enter to provide, fix and improve the service you see: an online learning journal that helps you to monitor the progress of children, communicate with parents and the government and manage your activities.

To be absolutely clear: we don't use the data for marketing; we don't share the data with others to do marketing.

You should be aware of your responsibilities as a data controller. You can find out more at the Information Commissioner's Office website: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/>.

You are responsible for making sure that you only put data on Tapestry where you have permission to do so. i.e., if a parent has agreed with you that no photos of their child should be taken, you are responsible for ensuring that none of the photos added to Tapestry depict that child.

Access to data

Only you, and those you authorise, will have access to your Tapestry accounts. You can restrict the people you authorise to only be able to view data about some children.

If we need to access your account to sort out a problem you are having, we will ask your permission first.

We will not give Tapestry account information, or access to your Tapestry account, to anyone other than those individuals you have set up as staff members.

Relatives contacting us for access details will always be referred to you, the Tapestry account holder.

Under the data protection act, individuals have a right to see a copy of information that an organisation holds about them. As the data controller, you will need to respond to those requests and we, as the data processor, will help you. This is normally easy, since you can always see and print the information you have entered.

Deleting data when it is no longer needed

You can modify and delete the data you enter.

In the common case of children leaving your setting, you can move them into a 'deleted' area, where (after a delay of ninety days to avoid disastrous mistakes occurring) their data will be deleted (this includes relevant pictures, videos, journals and reports).

You can instruct us to delete *all* your data at any time. But this is all or nothing. If you just want to delete *some* of your data, you will need to use the Control Panel inside Tapestry to do so yourself.

If you let your subscription to Tapestry lapse, we will delete all data associated with it. We delay the deletion for 90 days in case your subscription has inadvertently lapsed (e.g., it

happened while you are on holiday, or there was a delay in your Local Authority paying our invoice) but if you explicitly ask us to then we will delete your data immediately.

Data will remain in our backups for 90 further days. Backups are only accessible by a subset of our staff who are authorised to recover data and, like all our staff, vetted and bound by a strict confidentiality requirement. As with all your data, we will only access backup data in cases that you'd expect: if you explicitly ask us to in order to check or restore something, or if something goes wrong with the main copy of your data that requires restoring from backup.

Once those 90 days have passed, the data will automatically be permanently deleted. At this point it will no longer be recoverable.

Organisational data security

Certification

Our data centre, Amazon Web Services, has been independently certified as ISO 27001 compliant.

[We are Cyber Essentials Certified.](#)

Staff

We are careful in who we employ. All our staff with access to your data have been checked and cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and we check their DBS status annually.

The company that hosts our servers and databases, AWS, also vets their staff (though in practice we would never expect them to see your data).

You are responsible for only giving access to Tapestry to people you trust and who actually need access. For instance, please remember to make staff inactive once they have left your service or if they are facing relevant disciplinary procedures.

Please also ensure that, when you give access to relatives of children, you are careful to allocate them to the correct children, to enter their email address correctly, and to make them inactive once the child has left your setting.

Procedures

Our procedures are designed to minimise our access to your data. For example, we wouldn't log into your account without your permission and even then would only do so if it was necessary to resolve a fault or problem you were experiencing.

We are similarly careful with our suppliers. The company that hosts our servers and databases, AWS, operates on a similar principle of minimal access. They are ISO27001 accredited, which means they have a complete and appropriate set of security procedures. We would never expect them to need access to your data.

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We are working towards becoming independently certified as ISO 27001 compliant. When we have achieved certification we will update this contract and provide you with access to the certification.¶

It is important that you think about your procedures for what sort of data you put on Tapestry and what you allow your staff, children and relatives to do with it.

For instance, you should think about:

- Whether you give all staff access to data about all children, or just some children.
- When it is appropriate for your staff to take and share photos and videos.
- Whether you give access to children in school or at home, what guidance you give them about what is acceptable to add and what you will do if they add inappropriate material.
- What instructions you should give to parents as to what is appropriate for them to add, and what they may do with material that you add (e.g., insisting no photos are uploaded to social media sites by parents without the written permission of the parents whose children are depicted in photos, videos or text.)

Passwords

The main way we control access to Tapestry is through passwords.

Neither you, nor we, can see what passwords have been used (technically, we hash the passwords before storing them using bcrypt and we never write passwords to any log files).

Our staff use strong passwords and, for the more secure systems, have to supplement the correct password with other security measures (such as logging in from our office IP address and/or using two-factor authentication).

You are responsible for training your staff, and encouraging any relatives and children you give access, to adopt sensible precautions around their use of passwords – don't share them, don't reuse them, and make them hard to guess.

Incorrect password attempts will result in access for that user being prevented for a period of time. If you suspect one of your staff or relative accounts has or could have been compromised, you can make it inactive. This will prevent access using that account. At a minimum, you should then contact the staff or relative and ask them to change their password on this system and any other system on which they have used a similar password.

You can choose a minimum password strength that you permit the people you add to Tapestry to use. We won't let this minimum be any less than 10 characters and we allow and encourage you to set a tougher standard than that (by, for instance, requiring longer passwords).

For your staff, we also provide an option where they cannot login without a different member of staff (such as a manager) logging in first. We call this PIN only staff.

If you wish, you can set an initial password and PIN for the staff and relatives that you add, but we strongly discourage this. We prefer you to use the option of sending links that allow users to set their own passwords and PIN without you seeing them.

We allow relatives and staff to reset their own passwords using their email address. You, and managers you nominate, can also reset passwords for staff and relatives. If a member of staff or a relative contacts us because they have lost access to the email address associated with an account, we will direct them back to you.

You do not need to give children access to Tapestry, but if you do, you should bear in mind that children are likely to be less able to cope with complex passwords and less able to take sensible password precautions. We have therefore designed Tapestry to require some other authentication before a child can log in. When at home this means they can only log in after their relative has first logged in. At school this means that they can only log in after a teacher has set up the computer they are using for their group or class and given permission for that group or class to login. If you do to Tapestry, please take the time to understand how those extra layers of security work.

If you have lost access to your email address associated with Tapestry, or you have taken over a Tapestry account due to the departure of the previous account owner and don't have access, then we can add an email address for the new manager. In order to verify that the request is legitimate we have to take several steps. Even if these steps are successful, they may mean a delay of weeks during which time Tapestry may not be accessible by you. To avoid this, please ensure you update contact details before a manager departs and, ideally, always register more than one manager on the Tapestry system.

We do not currently have a facility for you to restrict access to particular locations or particular devices. That makes it doubly important that you take sensible precautions over passwords.

If you believe the password for one or more accounts has or could have been compromised, please immediately make that account inactive using the Tapestry Control Panel or, if you are unable to do so, contact us and we will do it for you. Please then contact us to discuss how to re-activate the accounts in a way that ensures they remain secure.

Because passwords can be reset by email, if you believe that the email account associated with a Tapestry account has been compromised, please treat it as if the password has been compromised: make the Tapestry account inactive and contact us.

Technical data security

The Tapestry web service and data are hosted in a cloud hosting environment operated by AWS in the EU (primarily the Republic of Ireland, with backups in Germany). AWS is the largest cloud hosting provider in the world and provides a secure platform for some of the world's largest online service providers.

Physical security

AWS ensure that our servers are physically secure. AWS data centres are housed in nondescript facilities. Physical access is strictly controlled both at the perimeter and at building ingress points by professional security staff utilizing video surveillance, intrusion detection systems, and other electronic means. Authorized staff must pass two-factor

authentication a minimum of two times to access data centre floors. All visitors and contractors are required to present identification and are signed in and continually escorted by authorized staff.

AWS only provides data centre access and information to employees and contractors who have a legitimate business need for such privileges. When an employee no longer has a business need for these privileges, his or her access is immediately revoked, even if they continue to be an employee of AWS. All physical access to data centres by AWS employees is logged and audited routinely.

We make sure that the devices we use to connect to the Tapestry servers are physically secure.

We also don't routinely store any of your data on our local devices. It is usually only stored on our servers. On the very rare occasions when we have to (in order, for instance, to diagnose a bug which we have not been able to replicate in any other way), we store as little as possible, for as short as time as possible, with access limited to as few people as possible. We also ensure that the machines we store it on are secure, including ensuring that their storage is encrypted.

It is important that you make sure that the devices you use to connect with Tapestry are physically secure. In particular, if you use some form of password manager on a device that remembers your Tapestry password then, at a minimum, make sure that the device also requires a password to login or unlock.

The Tapestry website doesn't store data that you have entered on your laptop or desktop. Therefore, if your computer is stolen, so long as the password wasn't stored on the computer then the person who stole the computer will not be able to access Tapestry data without guessing your password.

If you were logged into Tapestry when your laptop or desktop was stolen [and had been actively using it within the last hour](#), the person who stole the computer has a short time when they could use your account. Therefore it is important that you either log off when you leave a computer unattended, or ensure your computer automatically locks its screen when you leave it and requires a secure password to unlock.

The iOS and Android/[Amazon Fire Tapestry apps require PIN entry every time you open the app, or after each time your device screen goes blank. PINs are stored locally but encrypted. If users have enabled biometric authentication, emails, passwords, will also be stored and encrypted on the device. Some data will be temporarily stored \(cached\), but as users are required to enter correct login details before it can be seen](#), if the device is stolen, the person who stole it would not have significant access to Tapestry data without guessing your password or PIN.

The devices may have copies of the pictures and videos that have been taken outside of the app. There is also a setting that allows copies of pictures and videos taken within the app to be stored in the device's picture gallery. However, by default this setting is disabled. If you download data (such as PDFs of journals) from Tapestry to your device, those are at risk.

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Software security

We, together with AWS, ensure that the software running on our servers is up to date. We run regular automated tests and internal security reviews to examine the configuration and security of our servers.

Similarly, we ensure that the devices we use to connect to Tapestry are up to date and free from viruses and compromising software.

It is important that you take similar care with the devices you use to connect to Tapestry to ensure they are up to date and free from viruses or compromising software. If you give relatives access, please also encourage them to do the same.

Encryption

Connections between you and the Tapestry servers are encrypted.

Connections between the Tapestry apps and our servers are similarly encrypted.

Connections between our office computers and Tapestry are encrypted.

Your data is encrypted at rest on our servers. This includes our backups of your data.

It is important that you check that you are connected to the official Tapestry site before entering your password. The correct URL is <https://tapestryjournal.com>. We also have an old URL <https://eylj.org> that we keep running for users that have not updated their bookmarks or links. You should never enter your Tapestry password in any other site.

There should *always* be a padlock or similar symbol to show that the connection to <https://tapestryjournal.com> is encrypted.

It is important that, if your browser reports any security error, such as a certificate being invalid, you do not accept the situation and enter your password. It is likely to be a genuine security warning. Contact your IT support, or contact us.

If anything at all makes you suspicious do not enter your password. Instead take a screenshot and contact your IT support or contact us.

Please pass this on to people to who you give access: 1) Double check the URL 2) Double check the security padlock 3) Do not enter your password if you get a browser warning or see anything suspicious: take a screenshot and contact us.

Please note that from June 2020, Tapestry no longer uses Enhanced Validation Certification (EVC): it never offered any greater degree of technical protection (encryption is still performed at the same strength) and modern browsers no longer use it to offer a visible assurance that the service is being provided by a validated organisation (The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd).

Partitioning

Our network is partitioned to provide minimum access between our servers and the internet. In particular, our databases cannot directly access or be accessed from the internet, but only from specific servers. Only a handful of servers can be accessed from the internet, and only on specific ports and using specific protocols (e.g., no unencrypted connections are permitted). This reduces the likelihood that external hackers can gain access to our servers and then get data out.

Our data is partitioned so that your data is held in a separate database from that of other accounts. This reduces the likelihood that a compromise in somebody else's account (because, for instance, they use an easily guessable password) would lead to a compromise of your data.

Our software is partitioned so that it only has the minimum level of privileges to carry out whatever task it is currently doing. This reduces the likelihood that somebody who hacked into one part of our code could use it to compromise other areas.

Logging

We log activity on our system. Some of these logs are available to you in the Tapestry Control Panel. We retain more detailed logs to help diagnose and fix faults.

Verification (also known as Penetration Testing)

We employ independent firms to check that our systems are secure by attempting to hack or penetrate them. These firms are accredited by the relevant industry bodies.

The penetration tests cover both the web and the app versions of Tapestry.

The penetration tests include authenticated tests, where the testers are provided with login details to Tapestry accounts to check whether they can exploit those to see or extract data that should not be visible.

If you have a legitimate interest in Tapestry (e.g., you are the account owner, a prospective customer or a parent) we are happy to provide a summary of what the independent testers found – please contact us at customer.service@eyfs.info. Please also get in touch if you want to find out when the last test took place or the next test is scheduled.

We also regularly run automated security tests and carry out internal security reviews.

Capacity, Redundancy and Backups

Our system's capacity scales to meet demand. We do not currently limit the number of users, or the amount of data that they store, we just add the required storage and servers to meet the demand, in most cases automatically.

If a particular account is using our system excessively we may need to discuss the possibility of an increased subscription fee, but we have never yet had to do this.

Our system is redundant and should survive the loss of any server or, indeed, the loss of a physical data centre. This means that we have at least two copies of each operational server and all data is stored in at least two locations.

We also retain backups of all data in a different physical location (at the time of writing, the primary physical locations are in the Republic of Ireland, the backup physical locations are in Germany).

These backups should be, at most, 24 hours old and we should have 90 days of backups.

The backups are treated with the same care as the primary data (in particular, they are encrypted in transit and rest and stored in AWS facilities with the same physical security as described in the 'physical security' section above).

Please note that backups are for disaster recovery. We will use them to restore your data should it become lost or corrupted on the live system. It is not designed for easy access to restore specific bits of data that you have deliberately deleted from the live system. If you ask us to retrieve specific bits of information from the backups, we will do so, but we may need to charge our costs.

Keeping in touch about security

If you suspect a security issue (e.g., you believe that passwords on your account may be compromised because, for instance, computers have been stolen) then email us at customer.service@eyfs.info. Please include a descriptive subject line in your email (i.e., don't just say "Help!" but say "Help! Our computers have been stolen").

If we have a security concern about your account, we will try and reach the primary contact we have listed. This will initially be the person that set up the account. You can change this using the Control Panel within Tapestry (Settings > Contact Details). Please keep this information up to date.

If you or we suspect a security problem, our first step will usually be to lock down the accounts whilst we work together to establish what happened and the best course of action.

Frequently asked security questions

Below are some frequently asked questions that relate to security. If you have a question that hasn't been covered by this document, please ask us at customer.service@eyfs.info. Please note that, for security reasons, we may not answer some questions (such as, for instance, the exact versions of software that we are using).

Can you fill out this security questionnaire for me?

To keep our price down, we do not enter into bespoke contracts or fill out security checklists. However, we hope that our contract, including its annexes, include all the answers you need and cover all the events that you are concerned about and that you can use them to fill out whatever paperwork you require for your own systems.

If you have questions about our service that aren't covered then do get in touch and, if we can, we will add the answers to this contract.

Do you offer a service level agreement?

To keep our price down, we do not. However, we take fulfilling our obligations to you very seriously and will do our utmost to ensure our service is there whenever you need it.

Are you insured?

Yes. Our insurance covers the standard corporate liabilities. In addition, it covers liabilities relating to hacking and relating to data breaches. Like all insurance it is subject to excesses, limits and exclusions.

What happens if my account subscription should expire?

We want to avoid painful mistakes happening because, for instance, a subscription expires during a school holiday and nobody is around to pay the bill. So we do not immediately delete your data when your subscription expires unless you specifically ask us to.

However, 90 days after your subscription expires we will permanently delete your data. Data will remain in our backups for 90 further days.

If you wish, you can instruct us to delete all your data sooner.

Do you store data outside of the EU or the UK?

No. Almost all data remains in the EU. Some data may temporarily be accessed or stored in the UK in order to provide support, diagnose problems or fix bugs.

What encryption principles are used for data in transit?

We regularly check our encryption meets modern standards and improve it as appropriate. At the moment we use a 2048 bit key, SHA256 with RSA and allow TLS1.2 and above.

Have you disabled TLS 1.0 support?

Yes. TLS 1.0 and 1.1 have been disabled.

What encryption key management processes are in place?

We use AWS to manage our encryption keys and provide them to authorised servers at the right moment.

The data centre hosting Tapestry is ISO 27001 accredited. Which version of ISO 27001 is it, and who is the accrediting company?

The version is 2013, and the accrediting company is BMTRADA.

Do you follow any other standards or hold any other certifications?

Yes, we are Cyber Essentials Certified.

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We take security very seriously and regularly review what we do, but we have not yet undergone [ISO 27001](#) certification as a business.

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Which board member is responsible for security?

Our Managing Director, Stephen Edwards, is responsible for security.

Do you have a documented framework for security governance, with policies governing key aspects of information security relevant to the service?

We do not yet have a complete set of documentation. We have started on the process of creating an ISO 27001 compliant documentation set, but the process is not yet complete.

Can you provide evidence that security and information security are part of your financial and operational risk reporting mechanisms, ensuring that the board would be kept informed of security and information risk?

We are a small firm so our board, Stephen Edwards and Helen Edwards, are closely involved in every decision taken by the firm.

We are very aware of the importance of information security. We discuss it in almost every meeting and we continuously attempt to improve our security.

We have a weekly formal review of our security state (see above)

We get independent penetration testers to review our system (see above)

Can you provide evidence of processes to identify and ensure compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements?

We discuss compliance regularly in our senior management meetings and track compliance tasks to completion.

We have appointed a Data Protection Officer to hold us to account on this point.

Do you track the status, location and configuration of service components throughout their lifetime?

Yes. Our software configuration is managed under version control, with repeatable builds and change logging.

Yes. Our hardware configuration is managed under version control, with repeatable builds and change logging.

Do you assess changes to the service for potential security impact and monitor that impact to completion?

Yes.

How are potential new threats, vulnerabilities or exploitation techniques which could affect the service assessed?

We run regular automated tests and internal security reviews to examine the configuration and security of our servers.

We engage external penetration testers to assess our system against the latest threats.

Do we use relevant sources of information relating to threat, vulnerability and exploitation techniques, e.g. NIST, NCSC?

Yes. We monitor CVEs relating to the software our service depends on.

Yes. We regularly review guidance from the NCSC and OWASP. We do not regularly review guidance from NIST.

How are known vulnerabilities prioritised and tracked until mitigations have been deployed?

We have automated notifications of vulnerabilities that are in our deployed code. These notifications are only quietened when fixes have been deployed.

We have internal issue tracking for required code and deployment changes.

We review and prioritise remaining security actions at least once a week.

What are the timescales for implementing mitigations? E.g. in patching policy?

This depends on the vulnerability.

For instance, if we believe the vulnerability could lead to data exposure, we would immediately take Tapestry offline while we fix the vulnerability. Because Tapestry would be offline, it would be our highest priority to fix. We have procedures for calling in engineers out of hours and at weekends. We have procedures for deploying changes to our production configuration within hours.

If the vulnerability was assessed as being of low risk, it would be deployed as part of our regular code and configuration updates. These tend to be made at least once every two weeks and are often made several times a week.

Other than for fault-finding, are activity logs monitored for suspicious activity, potential compromises or inappropriate use of the service?

Activity logs for our backend system have automated alerting for suspicious activity. These alerts are seen by all developers and by Stephen Edwards.

Activity logs for our customers are not monitored by us. They are available to customers to monitor.

Do we have an incident management process?

Yes. An incident will be uniquely identified and a named individual will be allocated responsibility for managing an incident through our support system. We have standard procedures for common incidents.

What is the process for the vendor to report incidents to the customer?

See “Keeping in touch about security” above.

Is 2-factor authentication (2FA) available to end users?

Not at the time of writing (Feb 2024), but we are currently developing it and expect to release it in the coming months. If you would like to be kept up to date with our progress on it please email us at customer.service@eyfs.info.

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Can we require passwords to be changed every X days?

No. The UK National Cyber Security Centre recommend that you DO NOT require users to change passwords every X days.

If you suspect a password or email account may have been compromised, you can make the account inactive and then manually force the password to be changed. We can do this in bulk for all accounts if you contact us.

Which NCSC system architecture do you use?

Of the list at <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/systems-administration-architectures> our system is closest to the ‘bastion’ model.

The service is run on partitioned and private networks. Management functions are carried out by devices on the corporate network which access the private networks through bastions.

What provision is made for customers to access / monitor audit records for system / data access?

Customers have direct self-service access to logs that show changes to data.

We can provide logs of who has viewed data on request to customer.service@eyfs.info.

Does your organisation have differentiated access to data depending on the sensitivity level?

Yes. Our default is ‘no access’ and our systems are designed to minimise access to data. Different people and the different roles they carry out have different access to data and different requirements for what authorisation they must have before accessing it. We regularly review who can access what and why to ensure we are private and secure by default.

How long would it take to regain service in a disaster?

The time taken to restore our service will depend on what caused the loss of service and how much was lost. That is why, although we do our best to provide Tapestry at all times, we cannot guarantee it.

But to give you an idea, here are a few scenarios:

A school's data is deleted: If the loss of service is because a school let their contract lapse and therefore their data was deleted from our primary systems in line with our contract, but then the school changed their mind and wanted the data back before it had been deleted from our backups, then restoring a single school's database from a backup should take us a few business hours. If all the media (pictures, videos etc) have been deleted for a single school and need to be restored from backups then the time taken to restore them will depend on how many there are, but should rarely take more than a business day. This is just the time to complete the technical work. If there are also contractual bits of work to be done, or if we need to verify your identity, or if your request arrives at a particularly busy time (like the start of September) then getting everything sorted may take longer.

A server dies: All of our servers have redundant copies that are automatically used when a server crashes, dies or otherwise blows up. If the cause was something to do with the server itself, such as a hardware fault, then that usually means at most a few minutes of downtime and can often be managed without any loss of service at all. However, if the cause was something external that destroys each of our servers in turn as they come online then the elapsed time will be however long it takes us to get to the bottom of the root cause and come up with a fix. We'd treat this as the top priority for the firm and because our engineers are in-house and we have an 'on call' system outside of business hours we'd do everything we can to minimise the disruption.

All three data centers in Ireland are destroyed: If the loss of service has been caused by a complete failure of all three of our primary data centres in Ireland, and we have to completely rebuild Tapestry in a new data centre in a new location (including configuring new servers etc), then we would hope to have the contents of our schools databases (so all the text-based records) restored in 24 to 48 hours. Restoring all of the pictures, videos, etc for every school could then start, but due to the sheer quantity of data, could take a week or more to complete depending on the bandwidth we could put in place between our backup data centres and our new data centres. Again, getting everything up and running would be an absolute priority for the business.

Annex C: Tapestry Privacy

This annex describes our privacy policy for people who access the Tapestry online learning journal service, (<https://tapestryjournal.com>). This policy is intended to be shared with any person who uses Tapestry as part of their "right to be informed" under UK or EU data protection law. Since we operate as a Data Processor for our customers, the Data Controller (the childminder, educator, nursery, school or similar educational organisation), will need to provide extra information to fulfil the "right to be informed". We describe this extra

information briefly in 'Annex A: Tapestry Data Protection' and you can get more guidance from the UK Information Commissioner's Office: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/right-to-be-informed/>.

We are The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd, a company registered in England with company number 05757213 and a registered address of WaterCourt, 65 High Street, Lewes, England, BN7 1XG, UK.

Our customers are childminders, educators, nurseries, schools or similar educational organisations.

You are someone who has been given access to Tapestry by one of our customers. For example, you could be a member of staff, a relative of a child, the child themselves, or someone acting on behalf of a child.

You may have rights under UK or EU Data Protection legislation relating to information we store about you. These rights are described here: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>. If you want to exercise those rights, please contact the customer who is storing data in Tapestry in the first instance (e.g., the school or nursery). If they want help in carrying out your request, they can contact us.

Our lead supervisory authority for data protection is the UK Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk>).

The Service

Our customers pay us to provide them with a service that allows them to create online learning journals for children under their care, monitor those children's progress and share this information with their staff and, if they wish, those children's parents and relatives.

What data do we collect?

Our customers may choose to store some of the following data on our service:

- The names and email addresses of their staff
- The names, dates of birth and postcodes of their children
- The names and email [addresses, and billing](#) addresses of the parents and relatives of their children
- The contents of a learning journal:
 - assessments of children's performance
 - notes, photographs and videos by and of the children
 - comments by staff, children and relatives
- A record of the children's care:
 - what they ate and drank
 - toileting
 - how they slept

- whether they had any accidents
- comments by staff and relatives
- A record of the children's booked sessions and attendance:
 - when they were scheduled to attend
 - when they were recorded as being present or absent
 - notes relating to that attendance (e.g., whether they didn't attend because they were ill)
- Invoices and financial data:
 - for regular and additional booked sessions
 - for extras e.g. food, late fees, school trips etc
 - records of payments made
 - records of credits and debits.
- A register of the children's attendance:
 - when they were recorded as being present
 - notes relating to that attendance (e.g., whether they didn't attend because they were ill)
- Activities that are planned:
 - worksheets and other materials needed to carry out the activity
 - questions and answers on the activity by staff, children and relatives
- Memos or notices that the customer wishes to share with relatives:
 - documents that might be attached to the Memo
 - questions and comments made by staff and relatives
- Reflections on particular children, particular activities or particular aspects of the customer's setting.
 - comments and additional reflections by other staff.
- Documents that the customer needs to manage or share with relatives.

Our customers store this information in order to [manage their setting and](#) record, analyse and, if they wish, share the progress of their children.

Our customers have the freedom to choose what data they store and who they store it about.

Our customers choose who has access to the data.

Our customers are able to correct and delete data at will.

Our customers must tell you, as part of your right to be informed, what data they are storing, why they are storing it and who they are sharing it with.

In providing the service, we will send automated emails to staff and parents in order to confirm email addresses, reset passwords and notify them of events relating to the customer (such as when a new observation is added about a child).

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We ONLY access the data stored by our customers in order to carry out our customer's instructions, to maintain or improve the service or to fix faults.

We use sub-contractors to process some of the data, but we do not otherwise share this data with other organisations.

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If your contact details are registered on Tapestry in the 'contact details' section, or as a 'manager' then we may contact you if we have a question or concern about the associated Tapestry account.

When you visit the Tapestry web site we collect your:

- IP address, together with
- Information your computer sends about its web browser and operating system, and
- What pages you look at (e.g., the list of observations), but not the content of those pages (i.e., we could not tell directly from the data whether the list of observations contained information about a particular child, though given time and access to the data above it would be possible to figure that out).

We use this information to monitor the security of our service, to help us figure out how to improve the service (e.g., what browsers should we support? How much capacity should we add?) and to improve the way we market the service (e.g., what search terms were used to discover our site). We do not share it.

If you use our phone or tablet application we collect:

- The IP address of the network your phone or tablet is on, together with
- The make and model of your phone or tablet, together with
- The version of your phone or tablet's operating system, together with
- Details of any crashes that occur in the application, and
- What screens you look at in the application (e.g., the list of observations), but not the content of those screens (i.e., we could not tell directly from the data whether the list of observations contained information about a particular child, though given time and access to the data above it would be possible to figure that out).

We use this information to monitor the security of our service and to help us figure out how to improve the service (e.g., what causes crashes? which crashes need fixing most urgently?). We do not share it.

What is the lawful basis for storing this data

Our customers decide and must tell you the lawful basis for the data they add to Tapestry. Please note, your consent is not the only lawful basis for storing data and our customers may have a different legal basis.

Whose data is it?

We don't claim ownership of the data entered into Tapestry. We only use it according to our customer's instructions to provide the service described above.

Formally, in UK and EU data protection legislation terms, our customers are the “Data Controller” and we are the “Data Processor”.

There are [some](#) exceptions to this, where we are the “Data Controller”:

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1. The content of our billing system. [This is described more in Annex E.](#)
2. The content of our support ticket system. [This is described more in Annex E.](#)
3. The content of our forums. [This is described more in Annex F](#)
4. [The email marketing we carry out when users opt in. This is described in its own policy <https://eyfs.info/forums/topic/51993-mailing-list-privacy-policy/>](#)
5. [The content of our CPD site if you choose to use it. This is described in its own privacy policy on <https://cpd.tapestry.info/>.](#)

These exceptions are described in more detail in [Annex E](#) and [Annex F](#).

Who do we share data with?

We do not share data, except as explicitly requested by our customers.

If they wished, our customers might give other people (e.g., staff, children or parents) access to data. They might download or print some or all of the data and share it with other people (e.g., staff, children, parents, the government). They might transfer some of the data to another organisation (e.g., parents, the government, another educational establishment looking after a child, [or the print company Group Hugs to order printed copies of journals](#)).

[If PDF journals are made available to parents, the parents can share that journal with Group Hugs through us. At that point they will enter into their own contract with them. We do not share any data with Group Hugs unless we are directed to. The only information parents can send to Group Hugs through us, is that which our customers have first made available to them.](#)

We ONLY access the data stored by our customers in order to carry out our customer’s instructions, to maintain or improve the service, or to fix faults.

How do we collect the data?

Most data is entered by our customers directly into our website or through our phone and tablet applications. Our customers may, if they wish, permit parents and relatives of children to add data to the service.

Some data (described above) is sent automatically by your web browser or by our applications.

We may store cookies on your computer in order to verify that you are logged in and to store your preferences. The cookies themselves do not contain any identifiable information about you or about what you look at.

Can I see my data that is stored on your system?

Yes. The school, childminder, nursery or similar educational organisation, can give you a copy of data about you that they or you have stored in Tapestry. We can provide you with a copy of any of the other data that has been collected (e.g., our records of your IP address and / or make and model of your tablets etc.).

Can I have my data corrected or deleted?

Yes. The school, childminder, nursery or similar educational organisation, can correct or delete the data they or you have stored in Tapestry.

The process of deletion is gradual: initially deleted data is moved to a 'deleted' area in case it was deleted in error. After a delay, it is then permanently deleted from our main systems. After a further delay, it is then permanently deleted from our backups.

What are our customer's responsibilities?

Our customers decide who to add data about, what data to add, and how long to keep it for. They have overall responsibility for complying with Data Protection law (or the equivalent in other countries).

We describe this in more detail in the contract we have with our customers. But, for instance, they have to:

- Ensure they have a legal basis for what data they store on Tapestry and who they share it with.
- Think about what information it is appropriate to share with whom, given their situation and that of the children under their care.
- Respond to requests for access to data.
- Train their staff about sensible security and confidentiality precautions:
 - Taking care of passwords.
 - Taking care not to install software on computers that may compromise security.
 - Taking care not to access material from inappropriate places where it can't be kept appropriately confidential.
- Delete data when it is no longer required.
- Remove access for people who no longer need access.
- Give parents instructions in accordance with their safeguarding policy.

Contacting Us

You can contact us at customer.service@eyfs.info or WaterCourt, 65 High Street, Lewes, England, BN7 1XG, UK.

We also have a Data Protection Officer, Lauren Foley, who can be reached at dpo@eyfs.info.

Annex D: Tapestry Sub-processors

Not all parts of Tapestry are run in-house. Below is a link to a list of the sub-contractors that we use to process some of your data. They are under a written contract that ensures they are compliant with UK data protection law.

For the avoidance of doubt: We are accountable to you for this contract. If one of our sub-processors does something wrong, it is our fault – we won't pass the buck.

For the avoidance of doubt: We instruct our sub-processors in ways that are consistent with this contract.

For instance: Although Amazon Web Services have data centres outside of the EU and, technically, could move your data there, they are contractually bound not to do so without our instruction and we would not instruct them to do so.

For instance: Although Amazon Web Services could, technically, access your data, they are contractually bound not to except if it is strictly necessary to deliver their service to us. Even then, their employees are contractually obliged to keep data confidential and secure.

List of sub-processors

You can find our full list of sub-processors on our "Tapestry Sub Processors" page on our information site: <https://tapestry.info/tapestry-sub-processors.html>

By signing this contract you consent to our use of them.

Changes to sub-processors

We may, occasionally, need to add or change the sub-contractors we use to process some of your data.

If we do, then UK and EU data protection law requires us to tell you and to obtain your agreement.

We've included a link to the list of sub-processors we use. If we change them we will alert you to this via a notification within Tapestry, a banner on tapestryjournal.com, or an email.

Annex E: Customer billing, and support data

1. We are The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd, a company registered in England with company number 05757213 and a registered address of WaterCourt, 65 High Street, Lewes, England, BN7 1XG, UK.
2. You are a childminder, educator, nursery, school or similar educational organisation.
3. This annex relates to data in our [customer, billing, and support](#) system. It does not relate to data placed in the Tapestry online learning journal (see [Annex A](#)) or to data

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placed in our discussion forums (see [Annex F](#)) or to support material, such as tutorials, videos and descriptions of our product that are hosted on our websites, [but it does relate to the information we store about forum account holders.](#)

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What data do we collect?

4. [If you take out a trial or purchase a Tapestry account](#) we collect [and store](#) the following information:

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- [your name, email address, billing/postal address, and telephone number](#)
- [the name, email address, billing/postal address, and telephone numbers of anyone you tell us administers or pays for your account with us.](#)

5. [If you](#) contact us by email or through our support ticket system [we collect and store:](#)

- [your](#) email address and the contents of the email.

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6. If you contact us by telephone, post or face-to-face we may also keep notes of those interactions.

7. Credit card payment information is given directly to a payment service provider. We do not hold any credit card information ourselves.

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Your name, email address, telephone number and postal address¶
The name, email address and telephone numbers of anyone you tell us who administers or pays for your account with us.¶

Why do you need this data?

- Our lawful basis for collecting this data under EU and UK data protection law is 'contract'. We need this data to:
 - charge you for our service.
 - respond to questions or problems raised by you about our service.
 - [provide access to Tapestry and our discussion forum](#)
 - contact you if we have questions about your account, [or we have information you need to know about](#)
 - decide what changes to make to our service.

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Who do you share this data with?

9. We make use of subcontractors to provide our service to you and they may see some or all of this data. You can find a list of our sub processors on our 'Tapestry Sub Processors' page on our information site: <https://tapestry.info/tapestry-sub-processors.html>.

10. If you contact us in relation to a particular Tapestry account then we may share that data with other people who we believe represent the organisation that owns that account. For example, if a teacher contacted us to instruct us to permanently delete a particular child's data, and then the head of the school later contacted us to ask why a child had been deleted, we would share the instruction from the teacher with the head.

11. We do not share your data [with companies](#) other than our [sub processors](#). We do not sell your data [ever](#).

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Where is the data stored?

12. Your data is stored within the EU and UK. Our processing is carried out within the EU or UK.

How long do you keep this data?

13. We keep your data for [as long as you continue to access your Foundation Stage Forum account, plus 7 years. If you do not sign in during those 7 years, we will delete your data. If you would like it deleting sooner, email us on customer.service@eyfs.info.](#)

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How do I exercise my rights under data protection law?

14. We are the data controller of this data.
15. Your rights under UK data protection law are described at <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/>. They include the right to see and correct this data.
16. To exercise those rights, contact us at customer.service@eyfs.info.
17. If you are in the EU, your rights under the GDPR are similar and can be exercised in the same way.
18. We also have a Data Protection Officer, Lauren Foley, who can be reached at dpo@eyfs.info.
19. Our lead supervisory authority for data protection is the UK Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk>).

Annex F: Use of our discussion forum

1. We are The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd, a company registered in England with company number 05757213 and a registered address of WaterCourt, 65 High Street, Lewes, England, BN7 1XG, UK.
2. You are a childminder, educator, nursery, school or similar educational organisation.
3. We have a discussion forum (<https://eyfs.info>) that you may use to discuss issues facing childminders, educators, nurseries, schools or similar educational organisations.

Liability

4. We do not vouch for the accuracy, completeness or usefulness of any material on the forum. Use it at your own risk.
5. The material expresses the views of the author of the material, and not necessarily our views.
6. If you feel any material on the forum is objectionable, please contact us immediately at customer.service@eyfs.info.

Content and ownership of your messages

7. Don't post anything we won't like.
 - We like professional discussion of the issues facing childminders, educators, nurseries, schools or similar educational organisations.
 - We don't like things that are unkind, illegal, lies, use language you wouldn't want children to hear, or are shameless advertising.
8. Don't post anything that you don't have permission to post. For instance, if you didn't write the material you are posting, make sure you have the permission of the person who wrote it *before* you post it.
9. On shameless advertising: Occasionally during the course of a discussion it may be appropriate for a you to mention a product or service with which you are involved if it helps the discussion and doesn't annoy anyone. We will use our discretion in those cases.
10. If we don't like what you post, or fear you may not have permission to post it, we will remove it.
11. If we keep having to remove your material, or if we *really* don't like it, we will bar you from the forum.
12. When you post material, you retain copyright but grant us the right to use the material:
 - without payment,
 - in any way we choose,
 - anywhere in the world,
 - forever.
13. If we use your material, we will try to attribute it to you.
14. If you wish to copy material posted by someone else, please contact us or the person who posted for permission.

Privacy and Data Protection

15. We store any data that you submit to us, plus your IP address, details about your browser and computer and which pages on our site you view.
16. Our lawful basis for storing and using the data is 'contract'. We store and process this data in order to:
 - provide a discussion forum,
 - monitor abuse,
 - fix bugs
 - and to improve our service.

17. Your data is stored within the EU or the UK. Our processing is carried out within the EU or the UK. Our forum is accessible from outside of the EU and the UK, so material you post may be viewed from outside of the EU and the UK.
18. Your forum account will lapse once your Tapestry subscription lapses or, if you have a separate forum subscription directly or through your local authority, once that subscription lapses.
19. When your forum account lapses you will no longer be able to log into the forum or post material to the forum. At our discretion, the material you have posted may remain on the forum.
20. When your forum account has lapsed we will only use the personal information that you have provided us to:
 - help you re-activate your forum account if you later wish to re-subscribe
 - keep track of who posted what material in case we need to attribute it to you or in case we need to verify that you had permission to post the material.
21. We will delete the personal information that you have provided us at most 7 years after your forum account has lapsed. At our discretion, the material you have posted may remain on the forum.
22. We are the data controller for this data. To exercise your rights under UK or EU data protection law you can contact us at customer.service@eyfs.info.
23. We have a Data Protection Officer, Lauren Foley, who can be reached at dpo@eyfs.info.
24. Our lead supervisory authority for data protection is the UK Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk>).

Annex G: Standard Contractual Clauses for EU customers

This Annex was for customers in the EEA if the EU did not decide UK data protection laws were 'adequate'.

Fortunately, the EU *has* decided the UK laws are adequate and so this section has been deleted.

You can read more about this on the European Commission website https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/international-dimension-data-protection/brexit_en and we are very happy to answer your questions.

Annex H: Age appropriate design for UK customer who allow children to log into Tapestry

You can now permit children to log into Tapestry. This section is only relevant to customers who enable this feature AND where the children who log in are in the UK.

The UK Information Commissioner (ICO) has created an '[Age Appropriate Design Code of Practice for Online Services](#)'. This is a series of 15 standards for online services, such as Tapestry, that allow children to log in.

In the words of the ICO "[The code is not a new law but it sets standards and explains how the General Data Protection Regulation applies in the context of children using digital services.](#)" The UK ICO '[encourage\[s\] schools to aspire to meet the code's 15 standards as a matter of general good practice](#)'. For non-schools, the UK ICO is firmer that the standards must be met.

The standards seem good to us. So even if you do not legally need to comply, if you are thinking about allowing children to log into Tapestry, we would encourage you to take the time to read the information provided by the ICO, to read our approach to each of the standards below, and to think about your approach to the standards based on the documents from the ICO and the suggestions we make below.

Please do contact us with any questions or feedback you have.

Standard 1: Best interests of the child

See the ICO webpage '[1. Best interests of the child](#)' for more information.

We have designed the feature with the best interests of older primary school age children in mind. For most of those children, and for most ways you might use the feature, it should be easy to comply with the code of practice.

But each child is different. You need to make a judgement about each specific child and whether enabling the feature for them would be in their best interest.

It may be that due to the child's age, capability or situation that child login isn't right to enable it for a particular child, or to only enable it for some uses (e.g., to use in school, but not to use at home).

We give you the tools to restrict the feature to particular children, and to restrict access to the feature at home separately from access at school.

Standard 2: Data protection impact assessments

See the ICO webpage '[2. Data protection impact assessments](#)' for more information.

We cannot carry out a data protection impact assessment because only you have all the required information about how you will use Tapestry. We do not know exactly what

categories of data you will add, your legal basis for adding them, who you will share data with, or when you will delete it.

You need to answer those questions as part of a data protection impact assessment.

We provide the information you need from us in our contract with you. If the contract is missing something, please ask us and we will do our best to answer, though we may have to charge our costs in doing so.

Standard 3: Age appropriate application

See the ICO webpage '[3. Age appropriate application](#)' for more information.

We have designed the feature for older primary pupils. We have set the feature to be off by default.

You need to judge whether the feature is appropriate to an individual child's age, abilities and understanding before enabling the feature for the child.

If there is some aspect of the feature that you do not think is appropriate to the age group, please do get in touch with us.

Standard 4: Transparency

See the ICO webpage '[4. Transparency](#)' for more information.

We have written a short 'your data' page that children can access from within Tapestry that explains that the work they do in Tapestry will be shared with you, and that you might share it with others. It also explains their data protection rights and suggests they speak with you or their parent.

You will need to be ready to provide the child (and potentially their parent) with extra detail from your data protection impact assessment about how you are using Tapestry to process their data.

Standard 5: Detrimental use of data

See the ICO webpage '[5. Detrimental use of data](#)' for more information.

We do not use children's personal data in any way that has been shown to be detrimental to their wellbeing, or that goes against industry codes of practice, other regulatory provisions, or Government advice.

To be clear, we do not use data for marketing, broadcasting, in the press, in online games, or to offer rewards.

We do provide children with notifications. But those notifications are: 1. Only visible while a child is logged into Tapestry 2. Are not designed to encourage any detrimental behaviour (they just say things like "A Teacher commented on your observation")

We do provide: 1. Staff with the ability to like, comment and assess the work of children. 2. The option to allow relatives to like and comment on the work of children. 3. The option to allow children to like and comment on shared work.

You will need to think about how you use likes, comments and assessments that are visible to children in order to have a positive impact on the children.

You will need to think about whether you allow relatives to like and comment on work and, if you do, what sort of policies you need to create and how you will communicate and police those policies.

You will need to think about whether you allow children to like and comment on shared work and, if you do, what sort of policies you need to create and how you will communicate and police those policies.

Standard 6: Policies and community standards

See the ICO webpage '[6. Policies and community standards](#)' for more information.

We do not monitor or police the information added by you or any of your users to Tapestry.

You will need to decide what policies and community standards you put in place and how you will police them.

We have designed the feature so that children's use of it is controlled by staff and (if staff permit) parents. The aim of this is to make it easier for staff and parents to monitor children's use of the feature and ensure the standards are being met.

We provide the ability to turn off the feature and parts of the feature for specific children and relatives.

Standard 7: Default settings

See the ICO webpage '[7. Default settings](#)' for more information.

We have set this feature to be off by default. If enabled, we have set the default permissions to provide children with high privacy.

The default setting is that the information a child enters into Tapestry will be shared with you and no-one else. You can choose to share some of the child's work with other children and/or relatives. You can also choose to allow children to comment on group work.

You should consider what is in the best interests of your children when deciding whether to enable the feature and who to share a child's work with.

Standard 8: Data minimisation

See the ICO webpage '[8. Data minimisation](#)' for more information.

We have designed the feature to use the minimum of amount of personal data. We do not ask children to share any personal data – their name is all that is required and this will have been entered by you.

You should think carefully about the tasks you set children to do with Tapestry to ensure the tasks do not accidentally lead or encourage children to share unnecessary personal data (including pictures and videos containing personal contact) and put policies in place to deal with the personal data if it should be shared unnecessarily.

We provide the ability to delete data added by children. If you contact us, we can also accelerate the deletion of most data from our backup systems. However, if you have a complex request we may need to charge for our time.

Standard 9: Data sharing

See the ICO webpage '[9. Data sharing](#)' for more information.

We share what the child enters into Tapestry with you. You can choose to share it with others, such as the child's relatives, other children or with a child's subsequent school.

You should develop a policy on who you share the data entered by a child with as part of your data protection impact assessment.

Standard 10: Geolocation

See the ICO webpage '[10. Geolocation](#)' for more information.

We do not use geolocation.

Standard 11: Parental controls

See the ICO webpage '[11. Parental controls](#)' for more information.

We have designed the feature so that the school is in charge of when and where children can use the feature while at school.

We have also designed the feature so that the school can decide whether a child can log in at home and, if they have more than one relative on Tapestry, which relative's accounts they can log in from.

We have designed the feature so that, when at home, a relative must log into Tapestry first, before their child can then log in. The intention is that will place the child's use of Tapestry under the control of the parent.

You should decide whether you wish children to log into Tapestry at home and, if you do, which relatives's accounts you wish to permit the child to log in from.

Standard 12: Profiling

See the ICO webpage '[12. Profiling](#)' for more information.

We do not carry out any profiling.

You might use data a child adds to Tapestry to assess the child, which could be construed as being a type of profiling. But this process is likely to involve your judgement rather than being purely automatic, so is unlikely to be considered profiling in this definition.

Standard 13: Nudge techniques

See the ICO webpage '[13. Nudge techniques](#)' for more information.

We do not use nudge techniques to lead or encourage children to provide unnecessary personal data. We do not permit children to turn off privacy protections.

You should think carefully about the tasks you set children to ensure they do not accidentally 'nudge' a child into sharing inappropriately.

Standard 14: Connected toys and devices

See the ICO webpage '[14. Connected toys and devices](#)' for more information.

We do not provide a connected toy or device.

Standard 15: Online tools

See the ICO webpage '[15. Online tools](#)' for more information.

We provide online tools in the Tapestry Control Panel to help you to respond to requests by, or on behalf of, children to express their data protection rights.

We provide a page for children which explains to them and to their parents that they should get in touch with you to exercise their rights and to find out more about how you are using Tapestry.

We have designed the feature so that teachers (when at school) and relatives (when at home) decide when and where a child can log in. We hope this will allow teachers and relatives to monitor the children and respond to any concerns they have.

You should ensure you have procedures in place to respond to requests to exercise data protection rights.

You should also think about how you will monitor children's use of Tapestry and how you might respond to any concerns the children have.

Changes to this contract

Below is a list of material changes to this document. If you spot a change that should be in this list, please let us know.

This version of the contract (2024 February 19)

- [\(Annex A\) Clarifying that we may access data in order to find who to contact about an issue and to otherwise improve the service.](#)
- [\(Annex B\) To say that we are Cyber Essentials Certified.](#)
- [\(Annex B\) Update that some details are stored locally but encrypted on mobile devices](#)
- [\(Annex B\) Update that we are working on 2FA and to contact us for updates.](#)
- [\(Annex C\) Update on the sort of data that customers might collect about the relatives and children on their account.](#)
- [\(Annex C\) Update about other situations in which we are the Data Controller](#)
- [\(Annex C\) Update to include note about the company we link to if you'd like to buy printed copies of the journal.](#)
- [\(Annex E\) Clarification about the data we collect from customers for billing and support.](#)

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- (Annex D and E) Replaces the list of our sub processors for Tapestry and our billing and support system with a link to a page on our website listing them.
- (Annex D) Change to the process for updating them – instead of issuing a new contract when we update them, we will update the linked to web page and alert you to the change.
- (Annex B) Clarifying who can access our backups and when we would access them.

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- Annex H (lines 1686 to 1703) Update to clarify that the UK Information Commissioner's 'Age Appropriate Design Code of Practice for Online Services' is "not a new law but it sets standards and explains how the General Data Protection Regulation applies in the context of children using digital services" and that the UK ICO only "encourage[s] schools to aspire to meet the code's 15 standards as a matter of general good practice" but is firmer that other organisations must comply.

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- Overview: (line 336) Remove mention of dispute resolution clauses in Annex G, since those are no longer required. (line 265) Mention the new Annex H on age appropriate design
- Annex A: (lines 380-385) Remove mention of standard contractual clauses for EU customers in Annex G, since those are no longer required.
- Annex B: (line 948) Update relevant sections now children may be given access. (lines 118 to 1172) Mention that TLS 1.0 and 1.1 have been disabled. (lines 1283 to 1319) Add an FAQ about how long it might take us to restore service if a disaster hit
- Annex C: (lines 1359 to 1380) Mention that children can now enter data in the section on the data we collect. (line 1392) Make it clear that staff only receive a newsletter about Tapestry if they choose it.

- Annex G: (lines 1683 to 1692) The Standard Contractual Clauses for EU customers are no longer required.
- Annex H: (lines 1693 to 1859) A new annex on Age Appropriate Design for customers in the UK who allow children to log in and therefore need to comply with the Information Commissioner's Office '[Age Appropriate Design Code of Practice for Online Services.](#)'

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Line numbers mentioned in this section are the line numbers marked on the PDF copy of the 2020 May 26 version of this contract.

- The non-contractual note on Brexit: Updated to reflect that we are now in a transition period.
- Everywhere: Clarify usages of UK and EU now that the UK is no longer part of the EU.
- Everywhere: Fix spelling and typos
- Overview: Update registered address of The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd (line 240). Clarify that eyfs.info is not just a forum, it has education resources as well (line 250). Clarify the wording again to try and make it clearer who can claim from whom if it turns out that one party is not responsible for a data protection breach but the other is (line 341). Clarify that, for EU customers, parts of the contract may not be under UK law (line 344).
- Annex A: Update registered address of The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd (line 358). Make the Annex consistent with the Overview: the contract is under English law (line 398). Include our ICO registration number (line 400). Refer to the 'Standard Contractual Clauses' for EU customers (line 402). Clarify that when answering a support ticket requires us to view your data, that data will be viewed in the UK (which is now outside of the EU) (line 422). Clarify that if you upload material to Tapestry, you are responsible for making sure you can do so legally (for instance, you are responsible for making sure you haven't breached copyright in the material you upload) (line 549). Clarify where in the document you can find help when carrying out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (line 718). Update the Brexit FAQ (line 779).
- Annex B: Update registered address of The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd (line 811). Make the Annex consistent with the Overview: the contract is under English law (line 819). Update the section on encryption to include guidance on how to stay safe and to include the forthcoming changes to our certificate (line 1044 onwards).
- Annex C: Update registered address of The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd (line 1306). Refer to new functions that customers could be using (line 1344).
- Annex E: Fix numbering. Update registered address of The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd (line 1515). Point out where the other privacy policies are (line 1523). Note change of payment processor from SagePay to Global Payments (this is for payment data where The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd is the Data Controller) (line 1549).
- Annex F: Update registered address of The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd (line 1581).

- Annex G: A new annex containing the EU Standard Contractual Clauses from decision 2010/87/EU for customers who are in the EU (line 1656 onwards).

2019 April 18

Line numbers mentioned in this section are the line numbers marked on the PDF copy of the 2019 April 18 version of this contract.

- Overview: Clause 26 make it clear that there would not be a limit to liability if you or we need to claim back the compensation we have paid under a breach of data protection law (line 307).
- Annex A: Tapestry Data Protection: Explain that if, and only if, push notifications are enabled by you and the end user of the app, then sometimes the contents of the notification might go outside of the EU on its way to the company that makes the end user's phone or tablet operating system (line 389).
- Annex A: Tapestry Data Protection: Mention that, if you use the new Register functionality, you might be storing data about a child's attendance (line 407).
- Annex A: Tapestry Data Protection: Fix a typo "Repeating your in a letter to us." should be : "Repeating your instruction in a letter to us" (line 580).
- Annex B: Tapestry Security: Take out reference to when the last penetration test was, this becomes out of date too quickly. Add in how to get hold of the summary of the test and to contact us for when the last test took place and when the next one is scheduled (line 1022).
- Annex C: Tapestry Privacy: Mention that, if the customer uses the forthcoming Register functionality, they might be storing data about a child's attendance (line 1258).
- Annex D: Tapestry Subprocessors: We have added Apple, Google and Amazon as our forthcoming apps will offer push notifications and those notifications go via the maker of the phone or tablet's operating system. Because we are the Data Processor for this data, you need to consent to using these sub-processors. You can provide your consent by enabling push notifications in your Tapestry Control panel. If you do not provide consent the only functionality that will be missing is push notifications (line 1402).
- Annex E: Billing and Support Data: We have changed our email provider from Fastmail to Zoho Mail. Because we are the Data Controller for this, consent is not formally required from you to make this change (line 1453).

2018 May 1

Line numbers mentioned in this section are the line numbers marked on the PDF copy of the 2018 May 1 version of this contract.

Tapestry Data Protection

- Add a section pointing out where to find in this contract the standard terms required in a data processing agreement (lines 303-323)

- Attempt to clarify the wording describing that viewing Tapestry from outside the EU means data will be transferred outside the EU to get to you (lines 351-358)
- Rephrase “What data is placed into Tapestry?” to more closely match the language of subject matter, nature and purpose, etc. that is used in data protection legislation (lines 360-375)
- Remove Bursar from the list of examples of who can instruct us (line 520).
- Confirm that if someone who isn’t authorised tries to instruct us to do something, we will tell you about it. (lines 525-526)
- Clarify what ‘written’ instruction means (lines 530-540)
- Added a section “Instructions we do and don’t accept” (lines 541-562).
- Confirm that our staff who process data are appropriately trained in data protection (line 568).
- The tools to allow download of user’s data are now available (line 581).
- Remove section “[NOT YET IMPLEMENTED We do provide some example documents on risks that you can customise when carrying out your own assessments.]” – we have provided some guidance in our forum, but not yet example documents (line 617).

Tapestry Security

- Remove the word ‘reset’ from links (line 847).
- Clarify the wording that confirms connections between the Tapestry apps and our servers are encrypted (line 938).
- Change email to reach for keeping in touch about security. In urgent cases we would call if we have appropriate contact details (line 1013).

Tapestry Privacy

- Remove the word ‘usually’. Our customers are always the data controllers (line 1176)

Tapestry Sub Processor

- Remove the reference to Crashlytics, the forthcoming versions of the Tapestry apps will no longer use this sub-processor (line 1153).

2018 March 12 (Second Draft)

Line numbers mentioned in this section are the line numbers marked on the PDF copy of the 2018 March 12 draft.

Across all sections

- Fixed typos and improved some wording.
- Adjust numbering that occurs because of other changes.
- Make links to emails and websites clickable.

A note on this draft

- Mention the list of changes (line 163).

- Fix dates (line 174).

Overview

- Clarify that we do sometimes call people back, and offer paid-for telephone support sessions (lines 189-192).
- State explicitly that we are GDPR compliant and this contract contains the required clauses (lines 212-215).
- State that the limit on liability is reciprocal (lines 268-269)
- Clarify that some liabilities are set in law and we aren't attempting to override them (line 268). In particular, in relation to liabilities from breaches in data protection law (lines 270-275).

Annex A: Tapestry Data Protection

- Provide more detail on where data is stored (lines 308-330).
- Confirm that we won't change where data is stored without your agreement (lines 309-311).
- Reference the Privacy Policy for a fuller explanation of what data is covered by this data processing agreement (line 345).
- Confirm that we will get your *written* consent before changing our sub-processors (line 363).
- Confirm that we will tell you if we become aware of a breach (line 375, line 527, lines 578-582).
- Suggest careful consideration of the lawful basis for adding data to Tapestry (lines 384-387).
- Expand on the implications of the right to be informed (lines 439-451).
- Clarify we don't license your data (line 469).
- Clarify who can tell you to restrict processing of data (it isn't us) (line 474).
- Clarify who can instruct us (lines 480-493).
- Confirm that we use sub-processors in a way that is compliant with data protection law and point to the Annex for a description of how we will seek your agreement if we wish to change them. (lines 505-507).
- Clarify that we will help you to 'lock-down' your account if you suspect a breach (line 531-534).
- Clarify that you have to notify the data protection regulator in the case of a breach (line 539).
- Clarify we won't delete data if we are not allowed to by law (lines 562-563).
- Clarify that we may partially or entirely lock down your account if we suspect a breach (lines 583-587).
- Add a FAQ on Brexit (lines 601-605).

Annex B: Tapestry Security

- Add VAT number (line 637)

- Confirm that when data is deleted from our backups, it is no longer recoverable by us (line 714).
- Add a reminder about what to do if you suspect a password or email account has been compromised (lines 795-803).
- Clarify when and how we might store data on our local devices (lines 824-829).
- Provide more detail on what our penetration tests cover (lines 906-912).
- Confirm that we are insured (lines 969-972).
- Make our TLS 1.0 support more obvious (lines 987-991).
- Clarify that you can't force password changes every X days (lines 1078-1083).
- Confirm we have differentiated data access policies (lines 1095-1101).

Annex C: Tapestry Privacy

- Clarify that the Data Controller will need to add more information to fulfil a subject's right to be informed (lines 1106-1113, lines 1153-1154).
- Give examples of who 'you' might be (lines 1120-1121).
- Clarify that we may contact 'managers' registered with Tapestry using the contact details they have entered if we have a question or concern about the associated Tapestry account (lines 1165-1167).
- Clarify we also collect your IP address if you use our phone or tablet app (line 1182).
- Confirm that we do not share data about your computer or tablet (line 1193).
- Clarify that the Data Controller will need to provide the lawful basis (line 1194-1197).
- Remove troublesome reference to who owns data: keeping the fact that we don't, but not claiming that you do (line 1199-1200).

Annex D: Tapestry Sub-processors

- Confirm that they are under a written contract with us (line 1266).
- Confirm that we use them in a way that is consistent with this contract, and give examples in relation to common questions. (lines 1271-1279).
- Remove references to sub-processors we have now eliminated (line 1288).
- Explain how we will seek your written consent if we need to add or change sub-processors (lines 1290-1299).

Annex E: Billing and support data

- Explicitly state our lawful basis for processing data (line 1322).
- Remove reference to United Hosting - we no longer use them (line 1330).
- Clarify that we would share data relating to an account with other representatives of that account. (lines 1334-1339).
- Clarify that we do use your data to improve our service (line 1341).

Annex F: Use of our discussion forum

- Explicitly state our lawful basis for processing data (line 1405).

2018 January 5 (First draft)

- First public draft of new, more detailed, contract.

