Evidence for Learning

Guide for Parents

Why we use Evidence for Learning?

Evidence for Learning is an online software tool and app which enables us to record and manage information related to the development and progress of your child.

As part of the information gathered our staff may include photos and videos of the learners engaged in appropriate activities.

The photo and video evidence along with other data recorded can help us to track and support the learner's progress against their personal learning goals, facilitating assessment and planning of appropriate teaching and support of our learners. It also provides a way for us to capture and celebrate their progress and achievements with you.

Why use the parent engagement tools?

The parent engagement tools give teachers and parents/carers the ability to work together in evidencing a child's progress
It allows us all to celebrate the child's achievements and progress at school, home and in the community.

Guidance on submitting photos and videos

Conditions and considerations when using photos/videos

School Photos shared with Home

- Many school based photos will include your child in a group
- These photos will be sent to other parents
- Group photos from school will not include pupils who are not allowed to be photographed
- In line with our safeguarding policy no images from school should be uploaded onto any social media.
- Parent accounts will be de-activated if school based images are used on social media.
- A parental agreement form will need to signed by parents/carers which adheres to the above conditions before the Parent Portal can be accessed

Home photos/videos share with school

- People/children in the photographs/videos **must** have given their consent for the image to be shared with school
- The image/video **must** be appropriate for school use i.e. clothing/language/consider who or what is in the background of the image.

What makes good evidence?

1. If an image is used, it needs to be clear what it is trying to show

2. Any descriptions which accompany the image needs to be factual and to the point

3. There needs to be a description of how much help or support was needed

4. There should be no judgement of competence, it is just proof that something happened

What will I need to access the Parent Portal?

There is not currently a Parent App. The Parent Portal is accessed through a secure web site, you will just need access to the internet. This can be through your phone, computer, tablet or iPad. Evidence for Learning works through a secure web-based parent website that works on PCs, Macs and mobile devices. You do not need any particular platform or device to access it, just access to the internet.

Please email smarquiss@lamaprd.devon.sch.uk to set up your parent account.

Getting Started

First Steps

Once you have signed and returned the EfL Parent Agreement form, you will receive two emails from 'the TeacherCloud'

- One will contain a link
- One will contain a temporary password

Setting up your account

- Make a note of your password, or even better , *Copy* it
- Follow the link from the email and when prompted *Paste* or insert your password.
- Before you press log in, please favourite this page for future use.

This should now take you to the home page
Navigating
At the top of the Home page there is an option

 Change Password

Click that and set your password

Exploring the Portal

Home   Activities   Reports   Journal   Feedback   Upload   You should
now be able to explore the content:-

Reports: Where you can access reports compiled by the teacher. This will include the termly report and may also include other focused reports.

Activities: We are not currently using this section

Journal: This is where you will find the evidence which has been sent out by the teacher. This evidence will only be uploaded when there is something significant which the tutor would like to share.

Feedback: We are not currently using this feature but in the future you will be able to comment on what you have seen.

Upload: This is where you can submit your own evidence. You are able to upload photos, short video or descriptions of what you have seen at home. This is a great way to contribute to Personal Learning Goals.

By clicking the   ✉ Notifications   link you can select how often you are notified of new content. As started previously, tutors will only upload evidence when there is something significant which they would like to share with you.