

Digital Learning Journeys and 'ParentZone'

iConnect and Parentzone

Childbase use digital learning journeys, known as iConnect, provided by Connect Childcare. The award-winning tablet-based observation software is currently in use in 800 day nurseries and its 'ParentZone' app for smart phones and tablets is being used by over 30,000 parents.

The iConnect learning journey software enables practitioners to make curriculum based observations at the touch of a button, thereby removing the need for separate administrative time away from the children, and results in a more cohesive and comprehensive learning journey report to aid future educators in school. It also provides an invaluable aid to the nursery staff team in planning activities to support development, learning and school readiness for every child in their care.

The ParentZone app provides our busy parents with unprecedented access to their child's learning journey at times convenient to them, and enables the upload of photographs, videos and written observations of activities and interests outside nursery.

What should you expect from your child's key person and how regularly?

Your child will be observed throughout the month by their keyperson. Some of these observations will be spontaneous moments during play whilst others will concentrate on specific learning intentions known as 'next steps'.

The amount of observations recorded will vary from week to week and there is no 'set target' for how many observations. The keyperson's focus is on observations which are relevant to the child and which capture those exciting and significant developments whilst at nursery.

Parent contributions

As your child's primary educator, we want you to be a confident user and contributor through ParentZone and therefore take this opportunity to reassure you that data storage, on UK based servers, is certified to the highest international standards with twice the level of safeguards demanded in, for example, internet banking.

Equally, 'ParentZone' is designed to enhance rather than replace daily interactions between the staff team and parents; it does not replace parent evenings or keyperson meetings and is not a vehicle for discussing booking arrangements or notification of changes to, for example, sleep routines and medical or dietary requirements, where the usual forms of contact still apply.

A short guide on accessing and using the 'ParentZone' App is attached.

As always, the nursery Management Team are available and happy to discuss any queries you may have.