



Data Protection Impact Assessment (Tapestry)

The ICO define Information Society Services as “any service normally provided for remuneration, at a distance, by means of electronic equipment for the processing (including digital compression) and storage of data, and at the individual request of a recipient of a service.”

The Data Protection Impact Assessment is a systematic process for identifying and addressing privacy issues and considers the future consequences for privacy of a current or proposed action.

Section 3 Article 35 (1) states “Where a type of processing in particular using new technologies, and taking into account the nature, scope, context and purposes of the processing, is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the controller shall, prior to the processing, carry out an assessment of the impact of the envisaged processing operations on the protection of personal data. A single assessment may address a set of similar processing operations that present similar high risks.”

Thorns Primary School uses Tapestry. As such Thorns Primary School must consider the privacy implications of the app. The Data Protection Impact Assessment is a systematic process for identifying and addressing privacy issues and considers the future consequences for privacy of a current or proposed action.

Thorns Primary School recognises that using Tapestry has a number of implications. Thorns Primary School recognises the need to have a good overview of its data information flow.

The Data Protection Impact Assessment looks at the wider context of privacy taking into account Data Protection Law and the Human Rights Act. It considers the need for using an Information Society Services app and the impact it may have on individual privacy.



The school needs to know where the data is stored, how it can be transferred and what access possibilities the school has to its data. If stored in the cloud, the location of the cloud is important to determine applicable law. The school will need to satisfy its responsibilities in determining whether the security measures taken are sufficient, and that the rights of the data subject under the UK GDPR is satisfied by the school.

Thorns Primary School recognizes that changes do occur and on this basis good practice recommends that the school review its Data Protection Impact Assessment.

A Data Protection Impact Assessment will typically consist of the following key steps:

1. Identify the need for a DPIA.
2. Describe the information flow.
3. Identify data protection and related risks.
4. Identify data protection solutions to reduce or eliminate the risks.
5. Sign off the outcomes of the DPIA.



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Step 1: Identify the need for a DPIA

What is the aim of the project? – Tapestry is an online Learning Journal that records children’s observation and evidences learning experiences. It can be used to upload photos, videos and written observations. Tapestry enables parents/guardians to have access to their child’s profiles and be able to read staff observations and make their own contributions.

The information has been used to inform the school’s assessment of its children against the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. The use of Tapestry will also enhance the educational experience, deliver a cost effective solution, and help meet the needs of the business. The school will be complying with Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act, and Working together to Safeguard Children Guidelines (DfE). Thorns Primary School will undertake the following processes:

1. Collecting personal data
2. Recording and organizing personal data
3. Structuring and storing personal data
4. Copying personal data
5. Retrieving personal data
6. Deleting personal data

By opting for Tapestry the school aims to achieve the following:

1. Scalability
2. Reliability
3. Management
4. Delivery at a potentially lower cost
5. Supports mobile access to data securely
6. Update of documents in real time (where applicable)
7. Good working practice, i.e. security of access

Tapestry is a web based application which uses personal data to set up individual log ins. Tapestry cannot do anything with the school’s data unless they have been instructed by the school. The schools Privacy Notice will be updated with reference to Tapestry. The school is the data controller and Tapestry is the data processor.



Step 2: Describe the processing

The Privacy Notices (Pupil) for the school provides the legitimate basis of why Thorns Primary School collects data. The lawful basis in order to process personal data in line with the 'lawfulness, fairness and transparency principle is as follows:

6.1 (c) Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject; e.g. health & safety and safeguarding;

6.1 (e) Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;

6.1 (f) Processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interest pursued by the controller or by a third party;

The school has highlighted consent as the lawful basis by which it processes personal data. This is recorded in Thorns Primary School Privacy Notice (Pupil).

How will you collect, use, store and delete data? – The information collected by the school is retained on the school's computer systems. Tapestry set-up requires a parent/guardian e-mail address to give access to the app. E-mail accounts are required for each parent/carer. The information is retained according to the school's Data Retention Policy.

What is the source of the data? – Pupil information is collected via registration forms when pupils join the school, pupil update forms the school issue at the start of the year, Common Transfer File (CTF) or secure file transfer from previous schools. Pupil information also includes classroom work, assessments and reports.

Parental/guardian information is obtained by the parent/guardian providing personal data relating to pupil name, their relationship to the child, first and last name of the



parent/guardian, and e-mail address. This is provided via a Tapestry consent form issued to the parent/guardian.

Will you be sharing data with anyone? – Thorns Primary School routinely shares pupil information with relevant staff within the school, schools that the pupil attends after leaving, the Local Authority, the Department for Education, Health Services, Learning Support Services, Management Information Systems and various third party Information Society Services applications including Tapestry.

However concerning Tapestry only staff working at Thorns Primary School can see all of the children’s Learning Journeys. No information from Tapestry can be shared with other people without explicit consent of the parents/guardians of those children. Photographs or videos from Tapestry cannot be posted on any social networking site or displayed in a public place (even if they are only about the child of the parent/guardian).

As young children play in close proximity to their friends it does not reflect a true picture of their time in Thorns Primary School if photographs are only of a single child. Therefore photographs of the child will appear on their friends Learning Journeys and in joint observations.

In this instance Thorns Primary School will have obtained explicit consent from the parent/guardian (reference parental consent for use of images for Early Years Foundation Stage) agreeing the child’s image being used alongside other children who attend Thorns Primary School respecting learning journeys.

What types of processing identified as likely high risk are involved? – Transferring of personal data from the school to the cloud. Storage of personal data in the Cloud



What is the nature of the data? – Pupil data relates to personal identifiers and contacts (such as name, unique pupil number, contact details and address). The Privacy Notice (Pupil) for Tapestry states that the following personal data will be collected: pupil information including the pupil name, date of birth, contents of online Learning Journal including photograph and/or video of the child in different educational settings, records of a child’s care, records of a child’s attendance. Thorns Primary School as data controller decides exactly what data to include.

Staff are constantly observing and assessing the children in their care. Thorns Primary School takes photographs and videos as evidence of the child’s achievements and experiences. The school then use these to assess and monitor each child’s progress and identify areas for development.

A Learning Journey is a record of each child’s learning and shows snap shots of children’s achievements and progress in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). Not every activity a child does will be recorded, staff will focus on significant moments in each child’s learning.

Parental/guardian information will be collected relating to Parent/Guardian name and parent/guardian e-mail address.

Tapestry will be regularly monitored by the Senior Leadership Team.

How much data is collected and used and how often? – Personal data is collected for each pupil enrolled in Early Years Foundation Stage. Parents/guardians will only be able to



view their own child's information. Parents/guardians will set up an e-mail address, secure password and PIN number to be able to access their child's information only.

Parents/guardians will have access 24 X 7 to their child's Learning Journey.

Parents/guardians can view and contribute to their own child's Learning Journey, receiving a new e-mail whenever a new observation is added to the child's Learning Journey.

Parents can leave a reply/comment on the observations made by staff.

Parents can add their own observations/comments and photos/videos from things their children do at home.

How long will you keep the data for? – When children leave EYFS a copy of their learning journey will be transferred electronically and securely and passed onto the Parents/Carers. The pupils account will be deleted and a sample of the child's learning journey may be stored in line for a limited period for Ofsted and stored securely.

The school will consider the data retention period as outlined in the IRMS Information Management Toolkit for Schools and within the School's Data Retention Policy.

Scope of data obtained? – How many individuals are affected (Pupil). And what is the geographical area covered? Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) (27 pupils) within the school.

Tapestry will be used to record a child's learning and achievements. It will not be used as a tool for general communication between Thorns Primary School and home and will not be monitored on a daily basis.

However, staff will check regularly for parent replies/comments.



The school provides education to its students with staff delivering the National Curriculum.

What is the nature of your relationship with the individuals? – Thorns Primary School collects and processes personal data relating to its pupils and parents to manage the parent/pupil relationship.

Through the Privacy Notice (Pupil) Thorns Primary School is committed to being transparent about how it collects and uses data and to meeting its data protection obligation.

How much control will they have? – On receipt of an e-mail from Tapestry, the parent/guardian is required to confirm their Tapestry account. To ensure that the account is secure the password must be at least 12 characters long, have at least one uppercase letter, one number and one symbol. Tapestry checks the password against a list of common passwords when submitted.

Parents/guardians are advised that passwords should be based on random words, be different for each service used, and never be: any family member's name, a pet's name, place of birth, favourite holiday or anything relating to a favourite sports team.

The school will be able to upload personal data from its PC for the data to be stored remotely by a service provider. Any changes made to files are automatically copied across and immediately accessible from other devices the school may have.

Do they include children or other vulnerable groups? – Personal data will relate to Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) pupils attending the school. Appropriate password permissions will be insitu to (1) access Tapestry at school; (2) access Tapestry remotely by the parent/guardian and/or; (3) access personal data by the cloud service provider.



Are there prior concerns over this type of processing or security flaws? – Does the third party app provider store the information in an encrypted format? What is the method of file transfer (if applicable)? For example, the most secure way to transfer is to encrypt the data before it leaves the computer.

Thorns Primary School recognises that moving to a cloud based solution raises a number of UK General Data Protection Regulations issues as follows:

- **ISSUE:** Tapestry will be storing personal data including special category information.
RISK: There is a risk of uncontrolled distribution of information to third parties.
MITIGATING ACTION: Tapestry control access through passwords. Passwords cannot be seen (technically Tapestry hash passwords before storing them using bcrypt and these are never written to any log files)

Almost all storage and processing is carried out on computers and networks provided by Amazon Web Services (AWS) as a sub-processor

Two factor authentication is used to log in. Incorrect password attempts will result in access denied. Tapestry ensure all of the software used is up to date and fully tested, encrypting school data on Tapestry servers and the connections between the school and



servers. Tapestry also hire independent companies to check its systems are secure (this is known as penetration testing)

Thorns Primary School uses the option of sending links that allow users to set their own passwords and PIN without the school seeing them

- **ISSUE:** Transfer of data between the school and the cloud
RISK: Risk of compromise and unlawful access when personal data is transferred
MITIGATING ACTION: Connection between Thorns Primary School and the Tapestry servers are encrypted. At the moment Tapestry use 2048 bit key, SHA256 with RSA and allow TLS1.0, TLS1.1, and TLS1.2

Tapestry uses Enhanced Validation Certification (EVC) providing a visible assurance that the service is being provided by a validated organization. Personal data at rest on Tapestry servers are encrypted.

- **ISSUE:** Cloud solution and the geographical location of where the data is stored
RISK: Within the EU, the physical location of the cloud is a decisive factor to determine which privacy rules apply. However, in other areas other regulations may apply which may not be Data Protection Law compliant
MITIGATING ACTION: Data is stored within data centers in the EU. The primary processing and storage location is Ireland

Tapestry offsite backups are stored in Germany. A data transfer outside of the UK will only happen if Tapestry need to look at the school's data in order to provide additional support

- **ISSUE:** Cloud Architecture
RISK: The school needs to familiarise itself with the underlying technologies the cloud provider uses and the implications these technologies have on security safeguards and protection of the personal data stored in the cloud
MITIGATING ACTION: Tapestry network is partitioned to provide minimum access between Tapestry servers and the internet



Specifically, Tapestry databases cannot directly access or be accessed from the internet, but only from specific servers. Only a minority of servers can be accessed from the internet, and only specific ports and using specific protocols. This reduces the risk of external hackers gaining access to Tapestry servers and then getting data out

Data held by Tapestry is partitioned so that Thorns Primary School is held in a separate database from that of other accounts. This mitigates the likelihood that a compromise in an account elsewhere would lead to a compromise of the school's data held by Tapestry

Tapestry 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 Tapestry's code could use it to compromise other areas

This should be monitored to address any changes in technology and its impact on data

- **ISSUE:** Data Retention
RISK: UK GDPR non-compliance
MITIGATING ACTION: The school can delete data at any time. The school can download data at any time. At the end of the contract Tapestry's standard practice is to delete school data from its systems after 90 days. The data will then be deleted from Tapestry backup systems 90 days after it is deleted from its systems. Tapestry will delete school data sooner if asked to do so. Tapestry are happy to return school data at any time. Tapestry will not delete data if it is required by law to keep it

- **ISSUE:** Subject Access Requests
RISK: The school must be able to retrieve the data in a structured format to provide the information to the data subject
MITIGATING ACTION: Tapestry have tutorials to assist the school to comply with Subject Access Requests and requests to restrict processing [here](#) and [here](#) respectively

All data on Tapestry will be added by the school (the controller) and is editable. The school also decides when to delete data. By default it will remain in Tapestry backups for 90 days after the school deletes the data however if the school needs data to be removed before then Tapestry is able to assist



- **ISSUE:** Data Ownership
RISK: UK GDPR non-compliance
MITIGATING ACTION: The school as data controller maintains ownership of the data. Tapestry is the data processor. In terms of disclosure Tapestry will not release the information to any third party unless the request is subject to legal obligation without obtaining the express written authority of the school who provided the information

- **ISSUE:** Post Brexit
RISK: UK GDPR non-compliance
MITIGATING ACTION: Post Brexit Tapestry will continue to remain compliant by the use of 'Standard Contractual Clauses' (if necessary) provided by the EU so that the school remains GDPR compliant when using Tapestry services

- **ISSUE:** Lawful basis for processing personal data
RISK: UK GDPR non-compliance
MITIGATING ACTION: School has included Tapestry in its Privacy Notice (Pupil) which identifies the lawful basis for processing personal data

- **ISSUE:** Responding to a Data Breach
RISK: UK GDPR non-compliance
MITIGATING ACTION: Contract for the Tapestry Online Journal states that if Tapestry becomes aware of, or suspect, a data breach, as data processor they will inform the data controller (the school). Tapestry employ independent firms to check its systems are secure by attempting to hack and penetrate them. These firms are accredited by the relevant industry bodies

The penetration tests include authenticated tests, where 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

Tapestry also regularly run automated security tests and carry out internal security reviews



- **ISSUE:** Third party processor and privacy commitments respecting personal data, i.e. the rights of data subjects
RISK: The school is unable to exercise the rights of the individual
MITIGATING ACTION: Contract for the Tapestry Online Journal recognises the rights of the data subject concerning the right to be informed, access, rectification, erasure, restrict processing, data portability, object and automated decision making and profiling

The data controller is responsible for responding to those requests. Tapestry is designed to assist the data controller respecting such requests

- **ISSUE:** Data is not backed up
RISK: UK GDPR non-compliance
MITIGATING ACTION: Tapestry back up data in different locations. At the time of this DPIA the primary physical location is the Republic of Ireland and the backup physical locations are in Germany. These backups should be, at most 24 hours old, and Tapestry should have access to 90 days of backups. Backups are primarily for disaster recovery in the event of school data becoming lost or corrupted on the live system
- **ISSUE:** UK GDPR Training
RISK: UK GDPR non-compliance
MITIGATING ACTION: Appropriate training is undertaken by personnel that have access to Tapestry
- **ISSUE:** Security of Privacy
RISK: UK GDPR non-compliance
MITIGATING ACTION: Tapestry is working towards becoming independently certified as ISO 27001 compliant. Once certification has been achieved the data processor will reissue the contract to the data controller

Tapestry's data centre, Amazon Web Services (AWS), has been independently certified as ISO 27001 compliant

All Tapestry staff with access to the school's data have been checked and cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and this is checked annually. AWS also screens its staff



The school moving to a cloud based solution will realise the following benefits:

- Scalability
- Reliability
- Resilience
- Delivery at a potentially lower cost
- Supports mobile access to data securely
- Update of documents in real time
- Good working practice, i.e. secure access to sensitive files

Step 3: Consultation process

The views of senior leadership team and the Board of Governors will be obtained. Once reviewed the views of stakeholders will be taken into account

The view of YourIG has also been engaged to ensure Data Protection Law compliance

Step 4: Assess necessity and proportionality

The lawful basis for processing personal data is contained in the school's Privacy Notice (Pupil). The Legitimate basis includes the following:

- Childcare Act 2006 (Section 40 (2)(a))
- The Education Reform Act 1988
- Further and Higher Education Act 1992,
- Education Act 1994; 1998; 2002; 2005; 2011
- Health and Safety at Work Act
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act
- Working together to Safeguard Children Guidelines (DfE)



The school has a Subject Access Request procedure in place to ensure compliance with Data Protection Law

The cloud based solution will enable the school to uphold the rights of the data subject?
The right to be informed; the right of access; the right of rectification; the right to erasure; the right to restrict processing; the right to data portability; the right to object; and the right not to be subject to automated decision-making?

The school will continue to be compliant with its Data Protection Policy



Step 5: Identify and assess risks

Source of risk and nature of potential impact on individuals.	Likelihood of harm	Severity of harm	Overall risk
	Remote, possible or probable	Minimal, significant or severe	Low, medium or high
Data transfer; data could be compromised	Possible	Severe	Medium
Asset protection and resilience	Possible	Significant	Medium
Data Breaches	Possible	Significant	Medium
Post Brexit (GDPR noncompliance)	Possible	Significant	Medium
Subject Access Request	Probable	Significant	Medium
Data Retention	Probable	Significant	Medium

Step 6: Identify measures to reduce risk

Risk	Options to reduce or eliminate risk	Effect on risk	Residual risk	Measure approved
		Eliminated reduced accepted	Low medium high	Yes/no
Data Transfer	Secure network, end to end encryption	Reduced	Medium	Yes
Asset protection & resilience	Data Centre in EU, Certified, Penetration Testing and Audit	Reduced	Medium	Yes
Post Brexit	Documented in contract and owned by school	Reduced	Low	Yes
Subject Access Request	Brexit contingency plans to relocate servers to UK	Reduced	Low	Yes
Data Retention	Technical capability to satisfy data subject access request	Reduced	Low	Yes
	Implementing school data retention periods in the cloud	Reduced	Low	Yes

Step 7: Sign off and record outcomes

Item	Name/date	Notes
Measures approved by:	Mrs K Cartwright	Integrate actions back into project plan, with date and responsibility for completion
Residual risks approved by:	Mrs R Jordan	If accepting any residual high risk, consult the ICO before going ahead
DPO advice provided:	Yes	DPO should advise on compliance, step 6 measures and whether processing can proceed
<p>Summary of DPO advice:</p> <p>(1) Does Tapestry provide the technical capability to ensure the school can comply with rights of access and subject access requests (<i>i.e. rights to request access, rectification, erasure or to object to processing?</i>)</p> <p>(2) Does the functionality exist to enable the school to respond to subject access requests?</p> <p>(3) Does the functionality exist to enable the school to apply appropriate data retention periods? (<i>i.e. the period for which personal data will be stored</i>)</p>		
<p>DPO advice accepted or overruled by: Accepted by Mrs R Jordan</p> <p>If overruled, you must explain your reasons</p>		
<p>Consultation responses reviewed by: Rebecca Jordan</p> <p>If your decision departs from individuals' views, you must explain your reasons</p>		
This DPIA will kept under review by:	Karen Cartwright	The DPO should also review ongoing compliance with DPIA