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Dear Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to remind existing families of the Evidence for Learning Family App and to let new families know what this is.

Class staff work hard with your children every day working towards specific targets and learning about a range of topics. We keep photos and video evidence of a selection of their work in order to show progress.

This has many wonderful benefits, the ability to collaborate evidence, share between colleagues, use, and analyse videos amongst many other wonderful things! The most exciting element is that parents can download the Evidence for Learning Family app which will allow you to see what your child is learning at school. In addition to this, you will be able to add your own photos and videos to share with the class team what your child has been learning at home too!

Families of children that were with us prior to the summer should all already have log on details and be able to use the app. Thank you to all of you that do share your own photos and videos with us too!

For families of children that have joined us since September, you should have had an e-mail from us with your log on details. Please download the app and have a go at logging in.

There is no expectation that class teams read the app daily so please ensure ALL messages are sent via normal communication channels; home-school diary, phone call etc. Classes add evidence in a variety of ways, it may be a few times a week, or a bulk entry later in the half term. We welcome you to add evidence too, maybe your child has done something wonderful at home that you would like to share, or they've experienced something for the first time. Please ensure what it sent is appropriate e.g. clothed appropriately and no bad language. There is no expectation for you to share anything if you do not wish too. We do, however, really want you to log on and see what your child is doing at school.

Please find further information on the website The Orchard School - Evidence for Learning - Family App about what to do next. <https://www.orchard.sandwell.sch.uk/families/evidence-for-learning-family-app>

If you have any queries, please do ask your child's class team in the first instance.

Many thanks,

Laura Valentine

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