



HILLCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)

As you are aware the EYFS unit began using a new assessment system this year called EEXAT, Early Excellence Tracker. The system used the already established baseline system, EExBA, to track your child's progress and attainment from their start date. It also allows us to collect evidence through photographs, videos and observations.

The EEXAT system was only launched nationwide in September 2016, with Hillcross being one of the many schools to begin using it. Last month EEXAT launched a new tool which allows us to publish your child's learning journey online. Similarly to the book based Learning Journey's that we add to in school, this will show you how your child's learning has developed this year. The two systems complement each other with the online EEXAT system giving you access to videos and photographs of your child's learning through the Parent Portal. The Portal allows you to log onto a secure system, using a unique login and password. Each Learning Journey page also has comments from your child's key worker on their progress and learning for that half term. There is also a space for you to publish your comments and views on their learning for that topic, and to provide us with feedback on home learning, how and what your child has enjoyed and the progress you have seen them make at home. We have and will continue to collect paper evidence in their book based Learning Journey which you are invited to see at parents evenings and open book nights.

Another feature of this system is that you can also upload any evidence you see of your child's learning at home such as videos of your child involved in home challenges, applying skills and sharing knowledge whilst out and about and performing, or taking part, in their extra-curricular clubs or hobbies. All of this added evidence helps us at school to build a more informed picture of your child and their abilities. EEXAT is compatible with both Apple and Android devices and will allow you to upload your evidence directly to the site.

This week your child will be coming home with their unique login details for you: your child will bring this home attached to the EEXAT Parent Portal letter on Friday 28th April. Please follow the instructions on the EEXAT Parent Portal letter, which will be uploaded separately, to log in and see your child's learning. We have also uploaded a Parent Help Guide to the Reception and Nursery pages on the school website in case there are any further questions. Alternatively I will be holding a drop in session for parents who have any questions about the system about how to access the pages and log on or for families who do not have access to the internet or a computer. This session will be held on Thursday 4th May 2017, straight after school in the Hazelnut room.

We hope you all find this new system as useful as we have and that you leave a comment on their Learning Journey once you have logged on so that we can gather your feedback on the new system.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Mayar
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