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TO ALL FAMILIES AT WAYSIDE CRESCENT

Dear Parents & Carers,

All the schools across the Learn to Live Federation are now using an online evidence collection system called **Evidence for Learning**. This system enables us to share our assessment with you electronically so you can see some of the great things your young person has been doing at school. These assessments may be photos, videos or written comments.

Evidence for Learning gives you the opportunity to comment on and 'like' the assessments we send to you. You can also send us *your* photos, videos or comments about what your young person has been doing outside of school.

To set up Evidence for Learning, you will receive an email containing a link which you follow to log in and see your young person's personal page. You will receive a second email containing a password which you will need to get started. You can change this password on your young person's page to something more memorable at a later date.

There is an Evidence for Learning app in the app store but this is only for school's use so please do not try and download the app as it will not work for parents - all you need to do is follow the link emailed to you.

Attached to this email is a document that explains how to use Evidence for Learning.

In order to gather evidence of learners interacting, there may be other people present in the photos and videos we share with you. Other children or young people will not be identified in any way. If you do not want your young person to be in other students' evidence, please contact Simon Winward, Assistant Head (his email address is at the end of this letter). **We do not give permission for anyone to share any photos or videos of other people online** eg emailing materials to other family members, uploading to social media. If you are found to be doing this, your account will be closed immediately without warning or exception.



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This tool will be a record of your young person's progress and therefore we will be sending evidence when we have a record of progress being made. This means that we do not have any guidelines for how often you will receive new evidence – sometimes you may get lots and sometimes there may not be any for a few weeks. Evidence for Learning will not be replacing your young person's Home:School Diary for day to day communication.

I hope you agree that this an exciting opportunity to work in partnership with you to promote learning, particularly around Home:School Agreement targets. Feedback from parents who are using Evidence for Learning in other schools has been really positive.

If you have any issues, please email Simon Winward, Assistant Head:
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Yours faithfully



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Deputy Head

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