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Dear Parents & Carers,

Many schools are now using an online evidence collection system called Evidence for Learning (EFL). 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.

EfL 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.

EfL is very new to our school; we have had some classes' trialling the programme since October 2020 and we have some classes who are yet to begin using it. We are hoping to open up EfL to a trial group of families over the next month. If you would like to be part of this trial, please email; FAO Lydia Waites on info@applefields.york.sch.uk.

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 Lydia Waites, Assistant Headteacher on info@applefields.york.sch.uk.

Applefields School do not give permission for anyone to share any photos or videos of other people online e.g. 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.

At our Ofsted inspection in March 2019, the inspectors said "Leaders ensure that, when pupils join the school, their skills, knowledge and understanding are accurately assessed. From this, learning is planned so that it builds effectively from this starting point. Each individual pupil's progress is measured effectively through the school's assessment systems and targets within their EHC plan. Although leaders make accurate judgements regarding the progress of individual pupils, this system does not provide leaders with an overarching, whole-school picture of pupils' progress. Doing so is now an important next step". Signing up to Evidence for Learning is our next step on our journey to make a record of your young person's progress and therefore we will be able to share evidence when we have a record or update 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.

EfL will not be replacing your young person's 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 and evidence for all our young people.

As EfL is a provision to enhance the learning journeys that are vital in providing an effective record of education to our young people we do not need your consent, but as ever, should you wish that your young person does not access the Evidence for Learning system, please let us know.

Feedback from parents from other settings who are using Evidence for Learning has been really positive. If you have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01904 553900 or email info@applefields.york.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

Lydia Waites
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