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Storypark (2023)

Dear Families,

J S Grey Kindergarten uses Storypark. Storypark is an easy-to-use private online service that helps teachers, educators, parents and families work together to record, share and extend children's learning. It is a secure, private online space to ensure your child receives the best support possible and that you are involved and up-to-date with your child's development. Storypark provides each child with an online community which you (their parent/guardian) own and control who has access to, at no cost, for as long as you wish.

Storypark helps teachers, educators, children and families:

- improve understanding of each child's interests and abilities so they receive even better support
- deepen relationships and strengthen communication
- share videos, photos and text capturing children's learning and development
- create an online portfolio of your child's learning that travels with your child and can be accessed by you forever
- reinforce experiences and deepen children's learning
- capture family culture and heritage
- involve the children in their online portfolio
- interact quickly and effectively through iPhone, Android and tablets
- create smooth transitions when your child moves from one educator/centre to another.

You can choose to add your own stories or leave comments and feedback for children and our teaching team. You can also choose to share these stories with family members if you wish. We hope that you will invite your extended family so that the children have an authentic audience who are genuinely interested in their learning.

We have considered the aspects of cyber safety and make sure our teaching team have the knowledge and skills to ensure we are cyber safe. Storypark takes security very seriously. Storypark is not open for anyone to read, it is a password-protected private space for you, your child's teachers and educators and your family. Content we add will only be shared with our teachers, educators and the family members you choose to invite and where you have given permission to share photos, within the kindergarten, where your child is with multiple children. No personal information is shared with any third party.

Families that do not wish to utilise Storypark will get regular updates via email. Please bear in mind emails will include very basic information and not as extensive as Storypark. Please speak to your child's teacher or our Centre Manager, Marisa Puccio, if you need any further clarifications.

Your child's teacher will email you a Storypark invitation in due course.

Marisa Puccio
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NEXT STEPS

1 Sign up and log in

Once you accept the <u>email invitation</u> from your child's teacher you'll be taken to a <u>sign-up</u> page where you can enter your name and <u>choose a password</u>. Storypark is an online service, so you can <u>log in</u> without installing software on your computer.

2 Invite family

Share your children's stories by <u>inviting family members</u> and close friends. Create a private network of people to share and support your child's learning journey.

3 Comment and create

Stories your child's teachers create will show up in your child's profile. Build understanding with teachers by responding to stories. Download the Storypark Families app and log in to your account to see your child's profile and start creating your own moments about your child.