INFORMATION ABOUT STORYPARK

Dear Greenbrook Kindergarten Families,

Within our River Red Gum groups each child will have an online portfolio through the Storypark platform. We use Storypark for information sharing for all our documentation, individual planning, notifications, and notices.

Storypark has really helped us to improve information sharing and to make sure all families have real time access to their child's documentation, progress notes and photos as well as access to information about what is happening at kinder and in our community. We think it has improved communication between kindergarten and families, especially for our working families who don't get the chance to be at kindergarten.

It's also helped to stop producing paper-based information to better meet our commitment to being environmentally friendly.

Feedback from our families indicates Storypark has been fantastic.

Some key points about Storypark are:

- You will be given a permission form. The form will ask you to accept or decline being part of Storypark and ask for permission for photo/video sharing.
- You must have a working email to sign up. Once we receive your permission form back, we will send you an invitation to join. All the information you need to sign up is in the invitation.
- If you already have Storypark for your child at another service, you can link the 2 when you accept our invitation. We cannot link profiles after this point.
- You can download the Storypark for Families app in Google Play or the App Store. You can sign in using the app and have real time notifications through the app. The app is free.
- No one, except the educators and yourself, can view your child's profile. If your child attends childcare where they also use the Storypark app, the profiles can be linked. If you choose to do this, the childcare staff will be able to see some of the content we share on your child's profile.
- You can choose to share your child's profile with other family members if you want to. No other kindergarten families will be able to access your child's information. **Please note** that Greenbrook Kindergarten is not responsible for how you, other family members or childcare staff use information or images within your child's profile. For example, downloading images and sharing images or other information in your child's profile.
- There is a community page where any information that is for everybody will be shared. Educators will share newsletters, information about events, important notifications etc on the community page.
- Only invited members of the kindergarten community will see the community page.
- Storypark have a high-level commitment to child safety and cyber safety, including continually testing their system to minimise any potential threats from hackers. You can find out more about their safety measures by scanning the QR Code or visiting the following link:

https://www.storypark.com/au/child-safety/#

- You can communicate directly with your child's educator/s through the 'conversations' feature. You can also comment on any stories or planning we share to your child's portal.
- If you decide not to join Storypark, communication will be via email.

We believe using Storypark makes children's learning more visible to families and give you a better overall understanding of what your child is doing, how they are learning and their progression.
Families are better connected to what is happening at kinder and we have reduced the need to look for misplaced notices!

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A disclaimer and permissions form will be included in your child's enrolment pack. This must be filled in and returned with enrolment documentation before your child commences.

Kind regards,
Greenbrook Kindergarten Educators.