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Dear Parents/Carers

Now parents can **earwig**

You may be aware that, as part of our ongoing drive to improve standards, we have begun using a new online tool called *Earwig* to track and record children's progress in school through a series of time-based records which include images, documents and video. Due to COVID-19 and our schools closure to parents, who are not keyworkers, we felt that it was vital to make this tool available to you. The rest of this letter will give you an insight as to what to expect but I would just like to make you all aware that we are only at the very beginning of using this tool and therefore we as a school are still getting used to using it.

You can learn more about **earwig** here - <https://earwigacademic.com>.

Learning records, which can include video, photos and documents, are presented as a timeline for any class, subject or pupil. This provides a great opportunity for us to provide parents with a vivid window into the activities that your children are taking part in during the school day.

We expect to open the system to parents on **Monday 4 May**. So please ensure that the email details we hold for you are up to date by emailing office@st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk.

If you have asked for your child to be annotated as 'no images', then neither your child or you **will not be able to participate** in this facility and no images of your child will be available in any way outside the school. If you would like to change your image consent to YES, therefore making Earwig available to you; please contact office@st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk.

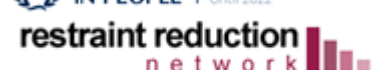
When the system is opened to parents you will receive a *Welcome to Earwig* email. This will direct you to the website and give you your secure login details. Once logged in; you will be able to see the records related to your child which include images, video and commentary from teachers. These images and video clips will be available to you online, free for one year and low-resolution copies can be taken. You can also download high resolution copies of images or video, to keep, subject to a small charge.

Parents will also be able to add their comments to any record, which will be seen by staff, and add to the parent/school conversation.

A further enhancement which we have included in your Earwig package is the ability for you to make observations of small achievements which your child makes while at home. These will be viewed by teachers and can be added to your child's record of



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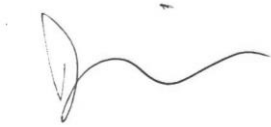


achievement while at the school. This provides a more rounded view of your child's progress.

If you have any queries about Earwig; please contact your child's class teacher.

We hope that this new, free facility will help you to engage even more in the life of your child at this school.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Lewis', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Lewis
Headteacher

If you wish to see a demonstration example of a parent's Earwig view go to www.earwig.uk.com and log in using:

USERNAME example@earwig.com

PASSWORD password