



### **Family – Keeping us connected with parents of children in the Early Years**

Famly is a parent communication app we use in our Early Years at Ashmount. Famly is a secure online learning journey where we can document your child's time with us (including videos, drawings, photos and voice recordings). We can share this content privately with you to view and comment on throughout the school year so you get instant access to what your child has been doing throughout the day. You can also share your own observations of learning/activities that your child does at home.

Parents can be informed about key messages/reminders from the teachers through Famly e.g. events and trips. Famly isn't meant to replace face-to-face contact with us, but should help to keep an open dialogue between parents and our staff team. Famly also allows messaging back and forth between parents and the nursery while helping staff save time by easing some of their admin tasks.

#### **How do I start with Famly?**

1. Once your child has started in a Nursery or Reception class at Ashmount, you will receive an email invitation to join Famly.
2. Follow the link in the email and create your own password.
3. We recommend downloading the Famly app to your phone or tablet.
4. Log in with your email and password.
5. Get started! If you have not received your link, get in touch and we can send you a new one.

#### **There are lots of functions of the system including:**

- If you have more than one child at the setting, you can use the same login.
- Once you have a login, you can add a partner under "contacts" and add a new parent login.
- Send messages to your child's key person, teacher or the Senior Leadership Team.
- Receive updates including photos, videos and documents about your child.
- At the top of your child's profile, you can report your child sick or away on holiday.
- Enabling staff and parents to add observations to each child's record to create a learning journal.

We hope that you will enjoy using Famly to document and share in your child's learning journey this year.