

Learning Lenses: Lesson Observation Software

What is it?

The software is made up of a website and iOS app. Website: www.learninglenses.co.uk

The iOS app is only available to customers using an Apple product and can be downloaded for free from the App Store.

We are looking into producing an Android app for customers with other devices.

What does it do?

The website and app allows the user to record lesson observations using the seven learning lenses and create reports based on this information.

We have pre-loaded the system with England's Ofsted criteria but the user also has the choice to enter their criteria.

How does it work?

Each school will have a master user, this is user who sets up the account and enters the access code.

Within the master user log in they have the option to set up the teachers who will be observing and observed. For this we have created two levels of users.

- Level 1, the observer – users may make observations and view and edit any observations they make. Level 1 users may only view observations made about them by someone else.
- Level 2, the teacher – users can only view observations about themselves.

The master user will also need to set up the classes/groups that will be observed and assign each grade descriptor as either a strength or limitation.

Users, classes/groups and strengths and limitations will need to be set up before an observation is made.

Making an Observation

Observations can be carried out on either the website or the app. Observations carried out on the app can be synced to the website to produce reports, users will need to have an internet connection on their device to sync observations to the website.

When a user selects the 'new' tab on the home screen they are asked to fill in the teacher being observed, the class/group they are teaching and the date of the observation, they may also fill in any background notes they wish to add, but this is optional.

User may use each lens as many times as needed. It is not necessary to use every lens, but they must use the Progress lens at least once.

Users also have the option to add images to evidence, this can done by uploading an image from the computer through the website, or by taking a photo through the app. These images will appear on reports.

Editing an Observation

All observations are editable by the user who has created them. Observations can only be edited on the app before the syncing procedure is completed, but any observations that have been synced can be edited on the website.

Under the Edit tab on the home page, users can search for an observation by supplying either the teacher who has been observed, the class/group or the date of the observation. The website will return a list of observations containing the criteria searched for.

Users can add new evidence to any lens, or edit existing evidence.

Reports

Users have the option of four types of reports: Single Observation report, Individual teacher report, School strengths and limitations and Group report.

Each report type gives the user a search option relevant to the report.

All reports are suitable to save as PDF or print, both of these options are given at the bottom of the report.

Forgotten Password

If a user has forgotten their password, please use the 'forgotten password' link on the log in screen of www.learninglenses.co.uk, this will send a link to the email address entered that will allow the user to create a new password.