User Picker Field

The user picker field allows users to search and select users within the Frog platform. An example of how I might use this is when logging behaviour incidents against students. I can specify which student I'm adding an incident for which means I can search and filter for this student when looking at the results of the form in the Data Viewer. For more information on the Data Viewer and how this works, please visit the Data Viewer section in this series.

Dragging the User picker onto the form canvas allows me to edit the label and description. I'll simply edit the label to 'Student' to let users know that they need to select a student here, I'll make this a required field and I'll leave the description blank.

It's worth noting that you can't use this field on a public site as users need to be logged into the Frog Platform to interact with it. It's also important to know that if the User Picker field is used on a form and the form is shared with student accounts, students will be able to search for other users including students, parents, staff and admin accounts so careful consideration should be taken when adding this field to a form that you're going to share with students.

The User Picker can be used to show submissions about the logged in user back to them. To find out more about this feature, watch the Form Security video in the series.

Where the user picker field becomes really powerful is when you export the Form data as a CSV from the Data Viewer. There are two options here and Export with Extended Data will export all the form entries and all the contextual information about the user selected by the user picker. This allows you to create spreadsheets and reports linking all entries about a student, or all entries about Year 7 students etc...