Overview

ePortfolios allow teachers to create individual workspaces by quickly and easily duplicating sites for every member of a student or staff group. You might want to use ePortolios so that users have sites to replace paper planners, capture student progress, allow for staff CPD or project work.

Here is an example of a student planner site that has been issued to each student as an ePortfolio. There is a school notices page, a school information page, a timetable page homework page and some other pages with information that they might find useful. This has been created for all students within the school to be used as their own personal planner throughout the year and is their personal, private copy of the site. Just like a paper planner, the ePortfolio contains all their homework, as well as all the usual pages covering school rules, BUT unlike a paper planner, this one can be kept up-to-date with new information added AND it costs nothing, as there is no printing involved.

Here's a different use for ePortfolios. We worked with Finham Park Multi-Academy Trust to create an Appraisal and CPD site for each member of staff. There is central guidance, lesson observations and CPD training. Each member of staff gets their own private space to record targets with their CAM or Line Manager. They can add evidence and report on their progress.

Both of the examples above are built entirely in Frog – which means you get to control the pages, look, terminology and content. They are available on request from the Frog Academy.

ePortoflios do not have to be complex though, you can use them as a means of creating and distributing sites to your students, while maintaining control over the sharing.

Any ePortfolios created for a user are found in the ePortfolios section within FrogDrive or they can be displayed within a site using the ePortfolio list widget making it easy for logged in users to access them.

When ePortfolios are created, all the issued ePortfolios make up what we call a collection. Collections can be shared with other users within the platform meaning that staff could have visibility of ePortfolios created by other staff members, which might be good for a head of year or head of department to keep track of student work. It's even possible to share collections with students which might be useful if you want them to be able to see each-others project work. There are also different access settings available if you choose to share any ePortfolios with a students' parent or carer.

Another great feature of ePortfolios is that users have the ability to send media from their Mobile device directly to their ePortfolio via the FrogSnap app. Any ePortfolios associated with a user will be visible when choosing the send to and then site option within the app, making it easy for them to upload evidence or project work.