



9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Early Years – Early Adopter Status**

At the end of the Reception year we assess your children and decide if they have met a set of Early Learning Goals in different areas of learning. The government has decided to change the Early Learning Goals that we use to assess your child and has offered schools the chance to adopt the new Early Learning Goals one year early, in September 2020.

At the Greetland Academy we are always keen to be at the forefront of any changes in education and we are excited to become an 'early adoption' school before the statutory implementation in September 2021. Therefore, from this year we will be using the new Early Learning Goals to assess your children at the end of their Reception year. New guidance to support learning over the Reception year has been released alongside these new Early Learning Goals, this is called Development Matters. Development Matters is not a checklist of things that your child should do, rather it is guidance for adults who work with children, to help them to support and embed your child's learning journey.

### **What does this mean for your child?**

Nothing will change for your child. We will continue to offer them the highest quality learning experiences in school and we will continue to develop the whole child, thinking about how they learn and who they are as individuals. We hope that your child is unaware that anything different is going on, it is definitely business as usual for them!

### **What does this mean for parents / carers?**

Nothing will change for parents/carers. We will continue to support you to the best of our ability and value your opinions and knowledge of your child. We will use Seesaw to regularly share your child's learning journey and you will still have the scheduled report and parent's evenings throughout the year.

### **DfE Links**

You can access the details below for the Early Adopter Framework and the Development Matters guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>

We hope that this letter has provided you with the relevant information regarding the Early Adopter year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the EYFS team.

Kindest regards,  
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Assistant Head