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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you may already be aware, in September 2021, the DFE introduced a new EYFS framework that is now mandatory for all early years providers in England.

What does this mean for your child?

Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new ELGs (Early Learning Goals). These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. The 7 main areas of learning remain the same. These are;

- Communication & Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, social and emotional development

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Expressive arts and design
- Understanding the world

As part of the changes to the new framework, it also means that there is less emphasis on recording paperwork, meaning we, as adults, can spend more time with your child, getting to know them and having those quality interactions. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further ensuring that your child's educational journey from Reception to Key Stage One is building upon previous knowledge.

Reception Baseline

The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. It will be undertaken with your child's class teacher and will measure your child's progress from Reception to Year 6. The data from the assessment, including numerical scores, is not shared with you, pupils, teachers, or external bodies, including schools, and there will be no published scores at pupil, school or national level. The teacher will be able to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and finding out if they need any further support in certain areas. When your child reaches Year 6, you will be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their school journey. If you wish to read more on the Reception Baseline Assessment, then you can find a useful parent booklet here;

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents

If you have any questions, then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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