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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Baseline Assessment

I hope your children have enjoyed their first couple of days at our school. We certainly have been very impressed with them all!

I'm just writing to let you know that we will be involved in the pilot for the Reception Baseline assessment. This is something that will be mandatory for schools as of next year.

The point of the Reception Baseline is to assess children on entry into schools in order to measure the progress made over their time at school. At present, progress is measured from end of Early Years to end of Year 2 and then end of Year 2 to end of Year 6. As of next year, the Reception Baseline (done on entry) will be used to measure progress across the whole time at school instead.

Our practitioners have always completed a baseline for our children using Development Matters and this is something we will continue to do as this is what our staff will use to provide on-going formative information.

The Reception Baseline is different to Development Matters. It is a short assessment that consists of practical tasks, using physical resources. The practitioner will use an online system to record as your child engages with the task. The assessment becomes shorter should a child be struggling.

Your child won't be aware it's any sort of assessment, as per any assessments that are carried out in early years.

If you have any questions, please get in touch and I would happily talk you through the process.

Information on the Reception Baseline can be found by [clicking here](#).

Kind regards,

Deborah Howard
Headteacher



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