

16th September 2022

RE: Reception Baseline Information

As you are aware, during the first few weeks of Reception, teachers are required to carry out an assessment of all pupils. The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) became a statutory assessment from September 2021. It provides a snapshot of where pupils are when they arrive at school. It will provide a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils between reception and the end of primary school.

The RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. The main purpose of the RBA is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils and it is not a 'test'. The RBA is not about judging or labelling your child or putting them under any pressure. Your child cannot 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment.

The data from the assessment will only be used by the Department for Education when your child has reached the end of Year 6, to provide the baseline to measure the progress of your child's year group 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.

Your child's teacher will a narrative description of how your child performed in the assessment and this can be provided to parents upon request.

You can find further information about our EYFS Reception curriculum and assessment by visiting the EYFS section on our website, within the 'Curriculum tab' ([here is the link](#)).

Kind regards,



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