



7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the next few weeks, all our children in Reception will take part in the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a short, task-based assessment of the children's early literacy, communication, language, and mathematical skills. The assessment can take place at any point in the first six weeks of the children starting Reception. However, making sure our children are settled and happy is our main priority.

During the assessment, the children will take part in a short one-to-one session with their class teacher. The children will do several practical and interactive touchscreen activities and will answer questions verbally, pointing or moving objects. Furthermore, the assessment has been designed to be inclusive and is accessible to all children with special needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). There is no pass mark or score. The RBA is designed to form the start of a new measure of how schools are helping their pupils to progress between Reception and Year six. Should you require any more information please click the following <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents> Furthermore, this week you will receive a leaflet explaining what the reception baseline assessment (RBA) is. This will be sent home by your child's class teacher. If you should need any further information regarding the assessment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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