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Dear Parent/Carers of Reception Class

We have elected to be part of a Reception baseline assessment pilot. This pilot is being trialed nationally in a number of schools ahead of being introduced as a statutory screen for all Reception pupils in September 2020.

The assessments, which have to be completed within the first six weeks of the children starting school, are scheduled to start for our children next week. They will assess early skills in literacy, communication and language and mathematics. The short tasks are appropriate to the children's stage of development and will be supported by appropriate resources i.e. counting bears and brightly coloured pictures. The children will work 1:1 with their teacher in a comfortable and quiet environment. Completed over two sessions of ten minutes, the screen will take approximately 20 minutes in total. The activities are engaging and developed to allow the children to show off their skills.

This is not an assessment with a pass or fail judgement. Your son/daughter will not be made aware of whether they are right or wrong with any of their answers. The Standards and Testing Agency report that no numerical score will be shared, either with us at school or to you as parents and carers. However, the teachers will receive a series of short, narrative statements that tell them how their pupils performed in the assessment which can be used to inform their teaching within the first term. From next year, after this pilot has been trialed, the data will be used at the end of year 6 to form the school-level progress measure.

If you have any further questions about the screen, you are welcome to speak to myself or the class teachers, Mrs Collins and Mrs Hoile.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Hindle

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