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## RBA, Reception Baseline Assessment

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already be aware, the DFE introduced a new **EYFS framework** (Early Years Foundation Stage) in September 2021. We were early adopters of this framework and have been embedding the changes across the past two years.

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 and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Expressive Arts and Design and 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 your child's educational journey from Reception to KS1 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 by your child's teacher and will measure their progress from reception to year 6. The data collected from this will only be accessed by the Department for Education, not parents or school staff. The assessment allows us to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and 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 further on the baseline, then please find attached the PDF document 'Information for Parents: Reception Baseline Assessment'.

Thank you for your support

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