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Dear families,

Reception baseline assessment

Throughout this week, your child will be participating in the 2021 statutory reception baseline assessment. This is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. The reception baseline assessment will be administered by the class teacher in a relaxed and calming one-to-one 20 minute session, where your child will answer all questions verbally or by pointing at or moving objects. The teacher can pause the assessment at any time if your child needs a break.

The purpose of the assessment is to provide the starting point for a new measure that will help parents understand how well schools support their pupils to progress between reception and year 6 / the end of key stage 2. The data will only be used by the Department for Education to measure your child's progress throughout their primary education.

The reception baseline assessment is not about judging or labelling your child or putting them under any pressure. Your child cannot 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment. Its main purpose is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils.

For more information please speak to your child's teacher and they will be happy to answer any questions about the reception baseline assessment or for more details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.



**Mrs Haunch
Principal**

