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Dear Parents/Carers,

Early Years – Reception Baseline Assessment

Some of you may be aware that in 2021 the government introduced a statutory Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA), which must be carried out in the first 6 weeks of your child starting school. This is a nationally delivered assessment that will be administered in all schools in England to pupils in Early Years. The RBA is a short interactive assessment which includes a range of activities focusing on your child's early language, communication and mathematic skills. The assessment will provide a snapshot of children's understanding when they arrive at school, establishing a new starting point to measure the progress they have made by the end of Year 6. Your child's class teacher will carry out the assessment on a one-to-one basis in a child-friendly and exciting way. It does not require any preparation at home or at school. It is important to note that this is not a pass or fail assessment and the results will not be published. Instead, they will be used to inform us of your child's next steps in their learning. When your child reaches Year 6, you will then be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their school journey.

Further information about the RBA can be found in the attached leaflet. If you have any questions regarding the RBA, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

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Early Years Lead



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