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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education introduced a new Early Years Foundation Stage framework, that began in September 2021. They also created a statutory baseline to be carried out by all schools in the first few weeks of a child's school journey.

## What does this mean for your child?

Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the ELGs (Early Learning Goals). These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. These statements will be shared with you over the course of the year. The 7 main areas of learning remain the same.

These are:

Communication and Language  
Development

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional

Literacy

Mathematics

Expressive arts and design

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 Key Stage 1 curriculum, further ensuring your child's educational journey from Reception to KS1 is building upon previous knowledge.

## Reception Baseline

The Reception Baseline Assessment, or RBA, is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school. It will be undertaken with your child's class teacher and will be used to measure your child's progress from Reception to Year 6. Data from this assessment will be used to show the progress your child makes through their school journey, and will be shown when they reach Year 6.

If you wish to find out more about this new baseline, you can find a useful parent booklet here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,  
Miss E. Spinks

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