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Dear Parent/Carer,

Reception Baseline Assessment

Over the forthcoming weeks, your child will be completing the Reception Baseline Assessment with Mrs Tomkinson.

The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of your child's age will be familiar with. The assessment became statutory for all schools from September 2021.

The RBA 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.

The RBA will provide an opportunity for your child to have valuable one-to-one time with their teacher at an early stage, so the teacher can get to know your child better. It will provide a helpful snapshot of where your child is when they enter Reception, so they can be supported in the most appropriate way.

I have attached an accompanying leaflet to this letter which provides further information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Tomkinson or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lamprell
Head of School