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Early Adopter Status - update

Dear Parents and Carers

You may have already heard about new and exciting changes which are due to come into force in September 2021 regarding changes to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. As a school we decided that it was important to keep up to date with changes in education and having looked at the new Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, we decided to become an 'Early Adopter' as we felt the changes made would be beneficial for all our children and wanted to implement these changes as soon as possible. We began to follow the new EYFS framework in September 2020 and as a school we are pleased with the way that it is going and the way the children are responding and look forward to continuing our journey through the curriculum with all our foundation children.

Children will continue to be assessed against the Early Learning Goals across all seven areas of learning, which are broken down into 17 Early Learning Goals. However, there has been a slight change to the way children are assessed at the end of their Reception year. The titles of some of the goals have been changed and children will be judged either as working at the 'expected level' or 'emerging'. These assessments will continue to be made during the summer term by the Reception teachers and will be a 'best fit' judgement. The main purpose of the profile assessment at the end of the EYFS is to ensure a smooth and successful transition to Year 1. This is completed by professional dialogues between EYFS and year 1 teachers. This then allows the year 1 teachers to plan a curriculum which meets the needs of all children.

As a parent/carer you will also be informed about your child's development during the summer term. Children are judged as having reached a Good Level of Development (GLD) at the end of the EYFS if they have achieved the 'expected' level for the Early Learning Goals in the three prime areas of, Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development and in the specific areas of literacy and mathematics.

In Nursery and Reception all of our staff are passionate and dedicated about putting the needs of our children first and will continue to do so with the new EYFS curriculum. Your child will not have noticed any changes taking place in regards to their experience in school. At the heart of the EYFS curriculum is the importance of making sure all of the children in our care, have their differing needs met. We know all children are unique and we aim to continue to celebrate this within our setting.

We value your contributions in supporting your child's learning and development. We look forward to continuing and working closely with you as parents and carers, as nobody knows your child better than you.

Tracey Woods
EYFS Lead