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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start the new academic we would like to inform you about the curriculum we follow in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

At the end of their Reception year, we assess your children and decide if they have met a set of early learning goals in different areas of learning. The government has decided to change the early learning goals that we use to assess your child and has offered schools the chance to adopt the new early learning goals one year early in September 2020.

Our school has decided to become an early adopter school and from this year we will be using the new early learning goals to assess your children at the end of their Reception year. New guidance to support learning over the Reception year has been released alongside these new early learning goals: this is called Development Matters. Development Matters is not a checklist of things that your child should do, rather it is guidance for adults who work with children, to help them to support and embed your child's learning journey.

You can find the detailed 'EYFS early adopter framework- Development Matters' document by clicking the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/914443/Development_Matters_-_Non-statutory_curriculum_guidance_for_the_early_years_foundation_stage_1.pdf

In the final term of the year, a profile will be completed for your child. This provides us with a well-rounded picture of a child's knowledge and understanding and their attainment against expected levels. Throughout their year in Reception, the children will be observed and assessed through their play in order to gain insights and make reasonable judgements against the early learning goals. We will use the terms 'emerging' or 'expected' to describe our judgements, under the new guidance the term 'exceeding' has been removed.

We hope that this letter has provided you with the relevant information regarding the early adopter year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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