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Reception Baseline Assessment – Pilot School

Dear Parents / Carers,

Last year, the Department for Education asked if schools would pilot the new reception baseline assessment during the Autumn 2019 term. Whitehall Infant School was selected as one of these pilot schools.

The assessment will provide a snapshot of where pupils are when they arrive at school, establishing a new starting point to measure progress throughout their primary school life. It is a short, practical assessment focusing on their early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. Their class teacher will carry out the assessment one-to-one with each child. They are enjoyable and interactive. **It does not require any preparation at home or at school**, and will help teachers to understand what their pupils can do at the beginning of their time in Reception and will assist the school with making improvements.

As a school, our values reflect that we want our children to be happy and have the best opportunity to develop through excellent provision and opportunities. We are looking forward to being part of this pilot and learning from the experiences of staff and pupils across the country.

If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Manjit Bringan
Headteacher



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