



Carlton Miniott Community Primary School

Changes to the way we assess your  
children.

Information for Parents and Carers  
April 2015.

## Context

Since 1988 all primary schools have delivered the National Curriculum and assessed children's attainment based on National Curriculum Levels. Children were assessed using tasks and tests. Scores from these tasks and tests were converted into a national curriculum level. Levels ranged from 1c through to 5a.

1c	1b	1a	2c	2b	2a	3c	3b	3a	4c	4b	4a	5c	5b	5a
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Children would typically work in this range of levels during Key Stage One – Years 1 and 2. They would be expected to achieve level 2b at the end of Key Stage 1.					Children would typically work in this range of levels during Key Stage Two (Years 3,4,5 & 6). All children nationally were expected to achieve level 4 at the end of Year 6. More recently Level 4b has been defined as the expected level for the end of Year 6 and children achieving this have been considered 'secondary ready'.									

Following the introduction of a new National Curriculum framework from September 2014, the Government has decided to remove these levels. Schools now have to develop their own way of assessing children using the Year Group Objectives set out by the Government in the new National Curriculum.

## Assessment in Carlton Miniott Community Primary School from September 2015

### **Reception**

The Reception assessment will stay the same as it is now. Children will be assessed on the learning outcomes set out for their age group. They will be expected to meet a range of these outcomes by the end of the year to be judged as having reached a good level of development in Reception.

### **Key Stage One and Key Stage Two (Y1-Y6)**

Each year group has a set of objectives for Reading, Writing, Maths and Science that they are expected to meet at the end of the year. These will be sent out to you at the beginning of the school year so that you can support your child. The teachers will assess against these objectives through the year and judge whether your child is on-track to meet these objectives. This will be discussed with you at parent consultation evenings.

At the end of the year your child's report will inform you whether your child has achieved the expected objectives. You will also be informed if they are working below or above these objectives. For children who achieve these objectives part way through the year, the expectation is that they will cover them in more depth and practise applying the skills rather than move onto the next year's objectives.

### **National Tests**

From September 2015 there will be new national tests. These will be carried out at the start of Reception, at the end of Y2 and at the end of Y6. These tests will produce a score which will be used to measure progress of children through the school from 2022, this will be when next year's Reception children reach Year 6. We will hold meetings to explain how these will work nearer the time. Y1 children will continue to take part in the National Phonics screening check. Further details on the Phonics Check can be obtained from Mrs Suggitt.

### **How are we going to prepare for the new assessments?**

During this term Y2 and Y6 children will continue to be assessed using levels and prepare for the National assessments. The teachers of children in Y1,3,4, and 5 will begin to assess the children's progress using the new end of year expectations. This will be done through observations, marking and short 'in class' tests. By the end of the term we should have a clear picture of which objectives each child has achieved. This information will be passed onto the teacher who will be teaching your child the following year. This information will also be used to target extra support for those who need it.

### **What should I do if I want to find out more about this assessment?**

Please talk to your child's teacher and they will be able to explain in more detail how they are assessing your child.

Visit the curriculum page on the school website where you can download your child's year group objectives. From this you will be able to see the new expectations in the new National Curriculum.