



Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Reception Baseline Assessment

Along with all other schools up and down the country, we are taking part in the Reception Baseline pilot (RBA). This is a new national assessment, statutory from Autumn 2021, that will be administered in all primary, infant and first schools in England to pupils in Reception classes.

The assessment will provide a snapshot of where pupils are when they arrive at school, establishing a new starting point to measure the progress they have made by the end of Year 6. It is a short (approximately 20 minutes), practical assessment focusing on their early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. A teacher or nursery nurse will carry out the assessment one-to-one with each pupil, any time within the first 6 weeks of Reception.

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 here at William Byrd. It is important to note that this is not a pass or fail assessment and the results will not be published. Accompanying this letter, you will also receive a Department of Education pupil data privacy notice, outlining which data is collected and how it will be used. If you wish to find out more, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher, or, to obtain a government brochure, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>.

Yours sincerely

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