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Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents

We are delighted at how well our new EYFS children have settled into school life. They are already forming new friendships, becoming familiar with school routines and are all engaged.

Some of you may have heard of the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) that will be introduced into all schools in Autumn 2020. The RBA is a new national assessment 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 the 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 teaching assistant will carry out the assessment one-to-one with each pupil, any time in the first 6 weeks of reception. It does not require any preparation at home or school, and will help teachers to understand what their pupils can do at the beginning of their time in reception.

There is a national, voluntary pilot taking place in primary schools across England in autumn 2019. Our school has signed up to participate.

It is not a legal requirement for schools to participate in the pilot, and therefore not a legal requirement for each child to participate. Please complete the reply slip below and return to school by Friday 13th September 2019. If you have any questions please talk to Mrs Waters or myself.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins

Reception Baseline Assessment Pilot September 2019

Child's name _____

I give / do not give permission for my child to take part in the Reception Baseline Assessment pilot
(please delete as appropriate)

Signed _____ Date _____

