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Dear Parents / Guardians,

At Thomas Whitehead CE Academy, we embrace changes that are going to have a positive impact on the children's learning and education. As you may already be aware, the DFE have introduced a new EYFS framework. The school became an early adopter of these changes in the last academic year and we are familiar and aware of the changes and have already put lots of changes into place.

What does this mean for your child?

Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new ELGs (Early learning goals). These goals are short statements that teachers assess children against at the end of the year. The 7 main areas of learning remain the same. These are;

Communication and Language		Physical Development		Personal Social Emotional Development	
Literacy	Mathematics	Expressive Arts and Design		Understanding the World	

As part of the changes to the new framework, it also means that there is less emphasis on recording paperwork, meaning that the class staff, can spend more time with your child getting to know them and having those quality interactions. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further ensuring your child's educational journey from reception to KS1 is building upon previous knowledge.

Reception Baseline

The reception baseline assessment, or RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. It will be undertaken by myself and will measure your child's progress from reception to year 6. The school, the teachers and you, as parents will not be informed of the data and it will only be accessed by the DFE. I will be able to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and if they need any further support in certain areas. When your child reaches year 6, you will be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their school journey. If you wish to read further on the reception baseline, then you can find a useful parent booklet here;

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

If you have any questions then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Many Thanks for your continued support

Mrs K Glastonbury