

15th September 2026

Dear Reception Parents/Carers

As part of your child's first weeks in Reception, all schools are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to carry out the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a short, practical and interactive assessment carried out with your child by their class teacher within the first six weeks of starting school.

The RBA helps to provide a starting point to measure the progress pupils make during their time in primary school, from Reception to Year 6. It is not a test and there is no pass or fail. Children are unlikely to be aware they are doing an assessment, as it takes place in a relaxed, one-to-one setting through age-appropriate activities.

What the assessment involves

- The activities focus on early mathematics, language and communication.
- The class teacher will spend about 15–20 minutes with your child completing the tasks.
- The information is used only for school progress measures and not to produce individual scores or league tables.

Privacy and data protection

The DfE requires certain data to be collected for the RBA. This includes your child's name, date of birth, gender, and answers to the assessment tasks. No scores are shared with children, parents, or teachers beyond what is needed to support teaching.

The data is stored securely and is used only for educational and statistical purposes. The DfE has published a detailed privacy notice explaining how children's data will be used and protected. You will find the privacy notice attached with this letter. A copy is also available from the school office on request.

Please be assured that the RBA is designed to be a positive and supportive experience for your child. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office. However, if you would like to learn more about the Reception Baseline Assessment, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>. A copy of this document is attached.

Best regards,



Mr. Roche

Principal

