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Dear Parents and Carers,

NEW RECEPTION BASELINE ASSESSMENT

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education have introduced a new Early Years Foundation Stage framework and a new baseline assessment, commencing September 2021. At Darnhall, we embrace changes that are going to have a positive impact on the children's learning and education.

What does this mean for your child?

Early Years Foundation Stage Framework

Your child will follow the updated framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new Early Learning Goals. These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. These statements will be shared with you all at the parents' evening in November.

Reception Baseline

The reception baseline assessment is a fun practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. We will spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and supporting them.

Your child will complete one Literacy assessment and one Mathematics assessment over the next 4 weeks. They take around 15 minutes each. You do not need to do anything to prepare your child for the assessment. Your child is unlikely to even know that they are doing an assessment when they are completing the tasks.



The baseline is not about judging or labelling your child or putting them under any pressure. Your child cannot 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment. Its main purpose is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils. The data will only be accessed by the DFE.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Fife and Miss Morris
Butterfly and Dragonfly Class Teachers

