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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Early Years – Early Adopter Status**

At the end of their Reception year, we assess your children and decide if they have met a set of early learning goals in different areas of learning. The government has decided to change the early learning goals that we use to assess your child and has offered schools the chance to adopt the new early learning goals one year early, in September 2020.

Our school has decided to become an early adopter school and from this year, we will be using the new early learning goals to assess your children at the end of their Reception year. New guidance to support learning over the Foundation years (Nursery and Reception), have been released alongside these new early learning goals, this is called Development Matters. Development Matters is not a checklist of things that your child should do, rather it is guidance for adults who work with children, to help them to support and embed your child's learning journey.

#### **What does this mean for your child?**

Nothing will change for your child. We will continue to offer them the highest quality learning experiences in school and we will continue to develop the whole child, thinking about how they learn and who they are as individuals.

#### **What does this mean for parents / carers?**

Nothing will change for parents/carers. We will continue to support you to the best of our ability and value your opinions and knowledge of your child. We will still use Tapestry to record your child's learning journey.

#### **What does this mean for early years teachers?**

Our teachers have studied the changes and new guidance in what is expected of your child. At the end of Reception we will use our knowledge of your child, alongside some evidence we have gathered throughout the year, to make judgements about whether they have met the early learning goals. This year the Local Authority will not moderate our judgements.

Please come and talk to us if you have any questions, worries or concerns about this!

Best wishes,

Foundation Team

You can find the detailed 'EYFS early adopter framework- Development Matters' document by clicking the link below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/914443/Development\\_Matters\\_-\\_Non-statutory\\_curriculum\\_guidance\\_for\\_the\\_early\\_years\\_foundation\\_stage\\_1\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/914443/Development_Matters_-_Non-statutory_curriculum_guidance_for_the_early_years_foundation_stage_1_.pdf)