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Dear Reception Parents/Carers

Firstly welcome to your child's first year at school. It has been wonderful to see all their smiling faces and I am so pleased at how all the children have settled. I am writing to let you know that our schools have been selected by the Department of Education to trial the pilot Reception baseline assessment. The assessment is very practical and all information is recorded on a secure e portal linked to the DfE. The children will be given practical tasks like counting bears and their answers are then recorded. Having looked at the material it is very similar to our own baseline assessments that we carry out. The assessments should take no longer than 20 minutes and the children can complete them throughout their first six weeks in school.

At this stage we will not be reporting the outcomes of the national assessments to you but during our parents evening we will report on how your child has settled into school. If you have any questions regarding the Baseline assessments, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

I look forward to the exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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