

St Mary's C of E Aided Primary School

A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum

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Dear Parents,

Assessment changes – Assessing without levels

As you are aware the Government have made significant changes to the curriculum and to the way that schools are now required to assess children. These changes are being piloted nationally this year and we, as a school, have had to work within these new frameworks.

The assessment requires children to meet ALL the criteria within their year group. This will mean that children will be assessed by the class teacher and may be deemed to be working below expectation or they may be working within expectation. This is not something that teachers have been asked to do before in such a clearly defined way. If your child is working below expectation this may seem disappointing for you as parents. The expectation from Government is significantly higher than it has ever been before and we are delivering a much harder curriculum at a younger age. We, as a school, are working within a framework that is prescribed. We are waiting for progress measures to be sent from Government to give the school more clarification. If your child has not met Age Related Expectation it may be that they have only missed it by one or two very specific key statements and if you wish to discuss this further then your child's class teacher will be able to advise you on the specific criteria that they may not have met yet and how school and home can support this development.

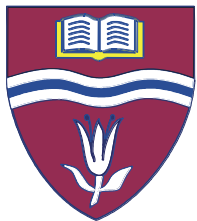
As parents, you need to trust that the school always has the best interests of your child and we will be working on meeting each statement as they enter the next year group. The next teacher will be aware of the assessment that has taken place in the previous class and will proceed with your child's learning from this point.

As we receive further clarification from Government and the Local Authority, we will update you further.

Kind regards,

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