



OLD TOWN INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Reception Baseline Assessment

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Old Town Infant School ☺

It has been great to see so many excited faces arriving in school this week as the children begin their school journey with us. The children have started to settle in really well and we have no doubt that this momentum will be maintained as we move forward – just be prepared for some very tired children at the end of each day!

Along with all other schools up and down the country, we are taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a nationally delivered assessment that will be administered in all primary, infant and first schools in England to pupils in Reception classes. The RBA has been statutory since September 2021.

The assessment will provide a snapshot of children's learning and understanding when they arrive at school, establishing a new starting point to measure the progress they have made by the time they complete their primary journey at the end of year 6.

It is a short (approximately 20 minutes), practical assessment focusing on their early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills.

A member of teaching staff (Mrs Brunton – Assistant Head or Mrs Turner –SENCO) will carry out the assessment on a one-to-one basis with each pupil, within the first 6 weeks of Reception. It does not require any preparation at home or at school, and will help teaching staff to understand what the children can do at the beginning of their time here at Old Town.

It is important to note that this is not a pass or fail assessment and the results will not be published. Instead, they will be used to inform us of your child's next steps in their learning – we will be more than happy to share these with you at your request. The RBA privacy notice can be viewed by visiting https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/2749/reception_baseline_assessment_privacy_notice.pdf or alternatively a hard copy can be obtained from the school office.

Further information about the RBA can be found in the attached leaflet.

Yours sincerely,

Doug

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Headteacher