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Dear Nursery and Reception Parents and Carers

RE: Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and Assessment

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which includes both Nursery and Reception classes at George Fentham Endowed School, we are guided by a statutory framework that sets out the learning, development and assessment for your children.

The Government has modified the curriculum and the 'Early Learning Goals' (ELGs) that we use to assess your children at the end of the foundation stage and have offered schools the chance to adopt the new goals one year early – this academic year.

We are excited to become an 'Early Adopter' school. This means we will be teaching a revised curriculum and working towards the new ELGs. The reforms aim to improve outcomes for young children, especially early language, reduce unnecessary workload and help every child to thrive and close the achievement gap.

At the end of the Reception year we assess your children against a set of 'Early Learning Goals' (ELGs) in seven different areas of the curriculum. In Nursery we track your child's progress across these seven areas of learning.

Nothing will change for your child in class; the children will continue to be supported to develop, play and learn in the same ways.

At the end of the Reception year we will use our knowledge of your child, alongside evidence we have gathered throughout their time with us, to make judgements about whether they have met the new 'Early Learning Goals'.

We will use then the terms 'emerging' or 'expected' to describe our judgements, (under the new guidance the term 'exceeding' has been removed).

Should you wish to see the new goals and guidance, you can find the '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

We hope that this letter has provided you with all you need to know regarding the Early Adopter year. If you have any questions, please contact us by email or telephone.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Durkin and Mrs Brown

