



Hunslet Moor Primary School
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Dear Parent/ Carer,

RE: Reception Baseline Assessment

Your child will soon be taking part in the statutory reception baseline assessment (RBA) which will be led by your child's class teacher. The RBA is an essential assessment that must be administered in all primary schools in England to pupils attending reception classes.

What is the RBA?

The assessment is short (it will take less than 20 minutes to administer), interactive and practical, covering early mathematics, language, communication and literacy. Pupils will use practical resources to complete the tasks and teachers will record the results on a laptop. The assessment will be based on familiar foundation-stage practice and encourage positive interaction between the teacher/teaching assistant and the pupil. There is no need for pupils to prepare for the assessment and in most cases pupils should not be aware that they are being assessed.

How will the RBA be assessed?

Pupils do not 'pass' or 'fail' the assessment; it provides a snapshot of where they are when they start school in the reception year. The results of the assessment will not be used by the government to track or label individual pupils, or to judge the performance of early years settings. We will use the data from the assessment to create a baseline for school-level progress measures for primary schools. This will show the progress pupils make from reception until the end of key stage 2 in year 6.

Which pupils take part in the RBA?

The assessment will be inclusive and accessible to the majority of pupils as they join school in reception. Most pupils with special educational needs or disability (SEND), or English as an additional language (EAL), are able to take part in the assessment. However, we recognise that very few children may not be able to access the test due to significant SEND need. If we feel that your child cannot access the test, you will be informed by your child's class teacher.

Reporting of RBA

There is no statutory report issued to inform you of your child's baseline assessment. However if you would like to receive an update of how your child performed on the test, this can be shared with you in the Autumn parent information meeting. Additionally, in July 2023 you will also receive an end of year academic report informing you of how your child has progressed against the Early Learning Goals.

Please find further details of the RBA alongside this letter. If you have any questions and would like to speak to someone to receive further information, please contact your child's class teacher (Miss Wells or Miss Henry). In addition, you can also speak to our Deputy Headteacher (Mrs Frankland).

Yours Faithfully

Mrs R. Chandler
Assessment Leader

The designated Child Protection Officers of the school are Miss K Kassabian, Miss H Darley, Mrs K Dellow, Miss L Bolger Mrs L Hemingway, Miss H Simpson, Mrs F May and Mrs D Graham

