



# Early Years Foundation Stage Assessment

*Assessment plays an important part in helping parents, carers and teachers to recognise children's progress, understand their needs, and to plan activities and support.*



Although we follow a play based curriculum in Nursery, your child will be assessed against age-related expectations in the seven areas of learning. This assessment is based on teacher and parent observations of children during adult-led and child initiated activities. It will provide a rounded picture of your child's attainment but will also inform their teacher about future planning and their next steps on their learning journey.

In our Reception classes, it is statutory for each teacher to complete an Early Years Foundation Stage Profile for every pupil in the summer term. This provides parents and teachers with a well-rounded picture of a child's knowledge, understanding and abilities, their progress against expected levels, and their readiness for Year 1.

The EYFS Profile is also based on ongoing observations of children during adult-led and child-initiated activities in all the seven areas of Learning and Development. Throughout the year we use these assessments to identify learning priorities and provide appropriate learning experiences for the children.

The *Early Learning Goals* are statements of the skills, knowledge and understanding it is expected children to have acquired by the time they finish in their Reception class at school.

Your child's level of development will be recorded against the **Early Learning Goals** for each area of learning as highlighted in the Developmental Matters document. The EYFS Profile will indicate whether your child is meeting expected levels of development, if they are exceeding expected levels, or not yet reaching expected levels ('emerging').

*At the end of each term you will receive a short report to inform you of your child's progress. Your child's teacher will state which age band they feel your child is working within.*

You are welcome to make regular contributions towards your child's assessment and you can talk to staff in your child's Nursery or Reception class about the progress that your child is making at any time. In September, you will also be invited to attend a 'Stay and Play' session so that you can see how your child has settled into their new class.