



Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School

Loved by God; United in Learning

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Dear parents/carers,

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 been really pleased with how they are listening to their adults at school and how they are approaching all the new experiences with courage and enjoyment!

Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out the Statutory Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) in school with the children. This is a national assessment that is administered in all primary, infant and first schools in England to pupils in Reception classes. The RBA is statutory from 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 teacher will carry out the assessment on a one-to-one basis with each pupil, any time within the first 6 weeks of Reception. It does not require any preparation at home or at school, and will help teachers to understand what their children can do at the beginning of their time here at Bishop Aldhelm's. It is important to note that this is not a pass or fail assessment and the results will not be published.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 along with our own baseline assessments. These all help us to get to know your child's strengths on entry to school and the areas with which they need more support. We can then ensure we plan our curriculum to help all children make progress from their personal starting point.

If you would like to read more about the Baseline assessment, please click on the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=400bce5c-9e84-4a68-af75-b81fae34abb9&utm_content=daily

Many thanks

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