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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year with your children beginning their journey with us at Richard Wakefield Primary Academy. They have all been amazing in their first few weeks, learning new routines and developing new friendships. We are looking forward to helping and supporting them throughout their learning journey over the year.

As mentioned in our virtual meeting that we shared with you all in June, we have the exciting opportunity to take part in the government's new Early Years Framework that will be in all schools from September 2021. Being an Early adopter school means that we shall be able to introduce the new framework within our school starting September 2020.

Early Years – Early Adopter Status

At the end of their Reception year, each child is assessed against a set of Early Learning Goals (ELG's) which are statements across the 7 areas of learning. These statements summarise the knowledge, skills and understanding that all young children should have gained by the end of the Reception year. Our school has decided to become an early adopter school and from this year we will be using the new ELG's to assess your child at the end of their Reception year.

The new ELG's still cover the 7 areas of learning, focusing on the 3 Prime areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development and the 4 specific areas: Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and expressive arts and design.

Whilst the new framework states that there will be now no external moderation from the local authority, we as a school will continue to carry out both internal and external moderation within the trust to ensure our high standards are maintained.

What does this mean for your child?

Nothing will change for your child. We will continue to offer them the highest quality learning experiences in school and we will continue to develop the whole child, thinking about how they learn and who they are as individuals. Your child should be unaware that anything different is going on, as it is definitely business as usual for them!

What does this mean for parents / carers?

When we make our judgements at the end of the year, we will be using the new assessment criteria. This means you will be informed if your child is working at either the expected level of learning (2-expected) or working towards the expected level of learning (1-emerging). As usual, you will receive a written report at the end of the academic year detailing your child's progress over the year.

We have set up an email address that we would encourage parents to use to send us photographs or short videos (under 3 minutes) of the wonderful learning that your child has completed at home. This could be persevering riding their bike, how they are demonstrating pretend play at home or sharing their understanding of the world around them such as talking about places they have visited. Please email these to: eyfslearning.richardwakefield@deferrerstrust.com where staff will be able to see them and add them to their individual electronic learning journeys. Any pictures or emails sent into school will only be seen by the school staff and any moderators. All media will be stored on the school's secure server.

Please contact us if you have any further questions regarding the changes.



Best wishes,
The Early Years Staff

