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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to tell you that this year we are an 'Early Adopter School' for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Reforms. From September 2021, there will be a new framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, this will be statutory and all schools will have to implement it. Our school has decided to become an early adopter of the Early Years Foundation Stage reforms and from this year, we will be using the new early learning goals to assess your children at the end of their Reception year. This means that we are following the new framework a year early, rather than waiting until September 2021.

The framework covers the education and care of all children in Early Years provision, including children with special educational needs and disabilities, and promotes the learning and development of all children to ensure that they are ready for Year 1. New guidance to support learning from birth to five years has been released alongside the new early learning goals, this is called Development Matters. Development Matters is not a checklist of things that your child should do, rather it is guidance for adults who work with children, to help them to support and embed your child's learning journey.

The expectations for children's development must ensure that cognitive development proceeds hand-in-hand with their social and personal development. There are seven areas of learning and development that must shape educational programmes in early years settings. All areas of learning and development are important and are inter-connected. For more information on the revised Early Years Framework, please see www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework.

If you have any questions or queries please speak to a member of the EYFS Team.

Yours Sincerely,

Donna Williams
EYFS Assistant Headteacher