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Dear Parents / Guardians of Robins

At Houghton Conquest Lower School, we embrace changes that are going to have a positive impact on the children's learning and education. You may already be aware, that the DFE have introduced a new EYFS framework, commencing September 2021.

What does this mean for your child?

Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new ELGs (Early learning goals). These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. These statements will be shared in the Information Booklet. The 7 main areas of learning remain the same. These are:-

Communication & Language	Physical Development	Personal, social and emotional development	
Literacy	Mathematics	Expressive arts and design	Understanding the world

As part of the changes to the new framework, it also means that there is less emphasis on recording paperwork, meaning we, as adults, can spend more time with your child getting to know them and having those quality interactions. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further ensuring your child's educational journey from reception to KS1 is building upon previous knowledge.

Reception Baseline

The reception baseline assessment, or RBA is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. It will be undertaken with your child's class teacher and will measure your child's progress from reception to year 6. The data from the assessment, including numerical scores will not be shared with you, the teachers or external bodies, including schools and the data will only be accessed by the DFE. The teacher will be able to spend quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and if they need any further support in certain areas. When your child reaches year 6, you will be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their school journey.

If you wish to read further on the reception baseline, then you can find a useful parent booklet here:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

If you have any questions then please feel free to get in touch with me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Mrs Waby
Robins Class Teacher