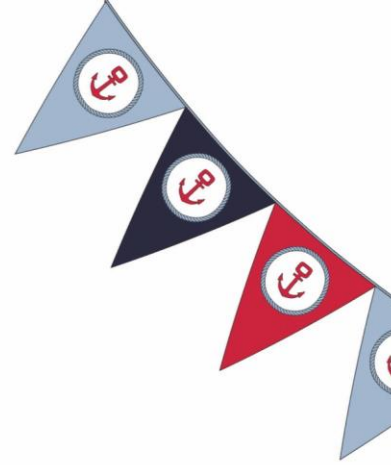




# MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## Learning for Life



Dear Parents/Carers,

When children start school, teachers are eager to identify what areas of learning they are confident with and those they need to continue to develop. Historically at Meridian we have done this by doing a baseline assessment on each child as they enter the school. This year is no different however rather than using our own baseline tools we are using the new statutory baseline assessment from the Department of Education, supplied by the Standards and Testing agency.

### **What will it assess?**

It will be an activity-based assessment of pupils' ability in:

- language, communication and literacy
- mathematics

The assessment will be age appropriate, last approximately 20 minutes and teachers will record the results on a tablet. Although this may seem a little daunting rest assured that your child will only participate in the baseline assessment when they are confident and happy in their new surroundings. It will not appear as a 'test' but simply some one-on-one time with their new teachers doing some short activities together. Teachers are not allowed to let children know if they answered correctly or incorrectly but are advised to support and praise children for taking part. The baseline assessment will not be conducted until your child is happy to take part.

### **Do parents/carers find out the results?**

Parents will be informed of their child's overall progress and attainment at parents evening in October. This will be based on the teacher's ongoing assessment throughout the first term and not purely on the baseline assessment.

### **What if my child cannot access the assessment?**

Your child will answer questions verbally or by pointing at or moving objects. The assessment has been designed to ensure that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL).

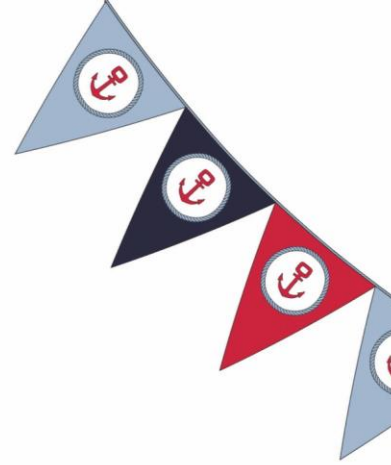
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The teacher can pause the assessment at any time if your child needs a break. There are also modified materials available for children with visual and hearing impairments.

### **How will the Department for Education use and protect the data collected?**

The data from the assessment will only be used by the Department for Education when your child has reached the end of year 6, to provide the baseline to measure the progress of your child's year group from reception to year 6. The data from the assessment, including numerical scores, is not shared with you, pupils, teachers, or external bodies, including schools, and there will be no published scores at pupil, school or national level. You can find the privacy notice [here](#). Frequently asked questions about data protection can also be found [here](#).

### **Further information and guidance can be found here:**

[Reception Baseline Assessment](#)

[Information for parents: Reception Baseline Assessment](#)

If you have any questions about the new baseline assessment do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely,  
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