



Tuesday 5th October, 2021

Reception Baseline Assessment

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, Mount Charles will be using the new **statutory** Reception Baseline Assessment that will be administered in all primary schools in England in the first six weeks of Reception-aged children starting school. This assessment has been introduced to provide a fairer progress measure for primary schools and will be used to measure the progress children make from the beginning of Reception to the end of Key Stage 2 (year 6).

This new baseline system will provide a snapshot of what children are able to do as they enter Reception. The assessment will be short (approximately 20 minutes), interactive and practical and will cover language and communication and mathematics. It will use age-appropriate resources that the children can handle and manipulate. There will be no need for children to prepare for the assessment, either in school or at home, and in most cases children will not be aware that they are being tested.

The other Early Years curriculum areas will be assessed using our baseline system used in previous years, which is based on observations made of the children in the setting.

Children will not 'pass' or 'fail' this assessment; it will provide an insight into where each child is as they begin their journey with us at Mount Charles, and will support us to plan learning experiences that will best match their starting points.

You will find further information about the Reception Baseline Assessment in the leaflet attached. If you have any questions about this assessment, please do not hesitate to contact me via enquiries@mount-charlessch.org.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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