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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a response to the school closures, we are aware that the language development of the children has been impacted. The development of language is built upon a core group of skills, if one skill has been impacted, then the impact can affect all areas of learning. With this in mind, we have embarked on a journey to discover new initiatives to assess and target those areas with individual children.

As part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19, our school is being offered access to a programme called Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). The programme is designed for Reception pupils and involves providing targeted small group and one-to-one support for children who would benefit from additional support with their language and early literacy skills.

The programme initially involves using a tablet-based assessment called LanguageScreen with all our Reception pupils to help us understand who may benefit most from receiving NELI. LanguageScreen is a short (approx. 10 minutes) and fun activity for children and will give us useful information about children's language skills. We'll use the same assessment again at the end of the school year to understand how children's language skills have progressed.

The LanguageScreen data privacy statement, detailing how data is collected and used, can be accessed on [www.languagescreen.com](http://www.languagescreen.com).

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Cook

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