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Dear Parents/Carers

Reception baseline assessment: information sheet

The reception baseline assessment (RBA) is a new national assessment that will be administered in all primary, infant and first schools in England to pupils in reception classes. It will be introduced in autumn 2020. The assessment will provide a snapshot of where pupils are when they arrive at school, establishing a new starting point to measure the progress they have made by the end of year 6.

It is a short (approximately 20 minutes), practical assessment focusing on their early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. A teacher or teaching assistant will carry out the assessment one-to-one with each pupil, any time in the first 6 weeks of reception. It does not require any preparation at home or at school, and will help teachers to understand what their pupils can do at the beginning of their time in reception.

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) carries out trials and pilots as part of the assessment development process, to ensure that the assessment works as it should and to understand where we may need to make changes. Hamilton Academy are part of this trial. It is a national, voluntary pilot taking place in primary schools across England this autumn 2019. The STA have published information about the assessment on GOV.UK.

It is not a legal requirement for schools to participate in the pilot, and therefore not a legal requirement for each pupil to participate. If you have any questions about this, or wish to discuss your child's participation further, it is important that you speak to your child's class teacher.

Findings from the pilot will inform STA's final version of the assessment for its statutory rollout in autumn 2020. They will not be used to measure the schools or any pupils that have taken part. Each pupil's personal information is stored safely and securely, in line with data protection regulations. You can access the privacy notice for the RBA pilot on NFER's website.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Glaister
Academy Principal

