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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will shortly be receiving your child's/children's Autumn Term report, via SIMs Parent, you can access this via the App or the website. Hopefully you will be familiar with the language and grades we use but if not please read through the letter to help you understand some of the terminology used. I have also produced a helpful video that explains our reports in more detail, please click on the link below to access this.

<https://www.loom.com/share/07088289d4614c31a4c756d6d8f50d50?sid=56dcae19-ce96-490e-b797-4fb9f575a86d>

In your child's report you will see their current level of attainment, Progress score and Attitude to Learning. You will also see attendance and conduct points awarded so far this term.

#### **Current level of attainment**

This will be the year group of the curriculum that your child is accessing in class along side one of the following four grades:

- **Emerging**
- **Developing**
- **Secure**
- **Mastering**

In the vast majority of cases the number will be your child's year group. For example, a year 8 pupil who is working on the year 8 curriculum will have an assessment grade starting with the number 8. The letter is based on how well your child is accessing that curriculum. If your child is on track for their year group they will be Secure. This highlights that your child is secure in the knowledge that they have been taught so far during the Autumn Term and does not mean they are secure in the whole of the years topics.

#### **Progress score**

This will be one of three statements:

- Good progress & meeting their potential
- Might not meet their potential
- Not on track to meet their potential.

To make sure each pupil is having the maximum opportunity to reach their potential we have created an assessment system that enables us to consider your child's progress based on their potential. This is calculated based upon all of their prior attainment levels. This enables us to have a really clear picture of how your child is performing and allows us to best identify those pupils that need support.

**'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16**  
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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

Pupils new to the school (year 5 or in year movers) will not have a progress score due to not having any prior data to compare. A progress score will be included in the Spring Report when we will compare Autumn and Spring data.

### **Attitude to learning**

This will be one of four categories:

- **Outstanding** - a pupil never disrupts learning, always tries their best and actively contributes to lessons.
- **Good** - a pupil who always tries their best and never disrupts learning.
- **Requires improvement** - a pupil may have received some warnings in their lessons or have attended the compass centre as a result of their attitude in that lesson.
- **Concerns** - a pupil who has attended the compass centre on more than one occasion for their attitude to learning in their lessons.

In the new year we will be having subject specific parents evenings where you will be able to ask any questions you have to your child/children's subject teachers. However, if you wish to find out more information please email your child/children's tutor in the first instance, email addresses can be found on the school website: <https://selwood.somerset.sch.uk/about-the-school/our-staff/teaching-staff-year-tutor2>

Parents evening dates:

Year 5 - Thursday 23 January  
Year 6 - Thursday 13 February  
Year 7 - Thursday 27 February  
Year 8 - Thursday 23 January

Everyone here at Selwood Academy wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Yours faithfully



Dave Finlay  
Deputy Head