

Assessment without Levels

From September 2014, the Government changed the way that children in schools are to be assessed. This is a new way of thinking for schools, and assessment will look very different to how it has done for the past 20 years.

Note: the Department for Education (DfE) has decided that the children who are currently in Years 2 and 6 will be the last pupils to be awarded a level in their end of Key Stage tests (Summer 2015).

The DfE want to avoid what has been termed 'The Level Race' where children have moved through the old National Curriculum levels quickly to achieve higher attainment. The feeling from the DfE was that the old national curriculum and the levels system failed to adequately ensure that children had a breadth and depth of knowledge at each national curriculum level.

At St. Patrick's we are using the Local Authority SPRINTs system to assess our pupils. This would give each child an assessment description at the end of the year similar to that used in the Foundation Stage -

Emerging — Pupil has not yet reached the majority of required standards of that year group.

Expected — Pupil has reached the majority of the required standards of that year group.

Exceeding — Pupil has reached all of the required standards of that particular year group and is able to use their knowledge and skills with confidence.

During the year, when we have conversations with you about your child's progress, you will be told whether your child is on track to meet the end of year target for their year group.

We hope that you find this information useful. Please contact your child's class teacher if you require any more information.