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Dear Parents / Carers

It has been great to see so many excited faces arriving in school this week as the children begin their school journey with us. The children have started to settle in really well and we have no doubt that this momentum will be maintained as we move forward – just be prepared for some very tired children at the end of each day!

Along with all other schools in England, we are taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is a national assessment that will be administered in schools with pupils in Reception classes. The RBA has been statutory for schools to complete since September 2021. The assessment will provide a snapshot of children's learning and understanding when they arrive at school, establishing a new starting point to measure the progress they have made by the time they complete their primary journey at the end of Year 6.

A teacher will carry out the assessment on a one-to-one basis with each pupil, at some point during the first six weeks of Year Reception. It is a short (approximately 20 minutes) assessment focusing on children's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills. Please be assured that no preparation is required at home or at school.

It is important to note that this is not a 'pass or fail' assessment, and the results will not be published. It is simply a way for teachers to understand what the children can do when they first join us at Courthill – it will be used to inform your child's next steps in their learning. When you come to your first parents' evening, there will be an opportunity for us to talk about child's progress, including their baseline assessment.

Please see the attached leaflet about RBA – details of the privacy notice can be found in the CLP data protection policy, please [click](#) here or request a hard copy by emailing the school office.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Mrs Carter Headteacher

