



# Bedenham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we are sure you are aware, there have been major changes to the curriculum and assessments procedures this year. In terms of assessment we are now required to indicate whether your child has reached Age Related Expectations or not. In school we determine this by making assessments daily as to your child's achievements and understanding in relation to a wide range of criteria and use this to inform the 'next steps' in learning that are needed.

Specifically in reading, writing and mathematics we assess in terms of "domains" for example, within reading we consider not only whether a child can read/decode the words, but also whether they can answer questions about their reading, infer further information etc.

We deliberately decided that this year we would use the same report format as previous years but we will be changing it next year. From our ongoing assessments, we have summarised whether your child has reached Age Related Expectations and this information can be found in the enclosed report.

Along with changes to the annual report we will be altering the format of 'parents meetings/ consultations'. Some of you will be aware that this year we trialed Year 6 mentoring meetings rather than offering the traditional parents evening – this involved parents and children meeting together with this Year 6 teacher at the end of Year 5 to set targets for everyone. Those meetings were repeated in November to review progress. The feedback from this trial has been overwhelmingly positive and Year 5 parents have already been invited to an initial mentoring meeting next week.

We are going to use a similar approach in Years 1 to 5 next year. At each of our key assessment points ie November, February and May, you will be invited to come into school and meet with your child's teacher, alongside your child, to review progress and you will be provided with a summary report of their achievement in reading, writing and maths. One day will be made available for each class for those meetings and you will be able to book a specific time slot, as we currently do.

Appointments will be available from 8am to 5pm, we thought you might find it useful to have these dates in advance, though reminders will be sent nearer the time.

Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Years 3 & 4	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Years 5 & 6	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017

We are certain you will find these meetings very informative. We will also be holding "Meet 'n' Greet" information sessions week beginning 19th September, during which the teachers will give you an overview of the year.

Year 1 & 2	Thursday 22nd @ 09.15am
Year 3 & 4	Monday 19th @ 14.30pm
Year 5 & 6	Thursday 22nd @ 14.30pm

In the meantime to round off this academic year you are welcome to drop in between 3.20pm to 6.00pm to see your child's current class teacher if you have any questions regarding the enclosed report.

Yours sincerely

*Tracy Potter*

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Executive Headteacher

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