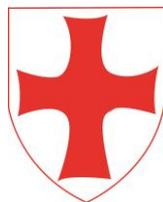


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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we are taking part in the DfE EYFS Early Adopters Scheme for the academic year 2020-2021. As we are committed to participating in this scheme, which is based on EYFS reforms, we have been asked by the DfE to inform you of the aspects of the EYFS Curriculum we will no longer be following.

Under the Early Years Foundation Stage (Exemption from Learning and Development Requirements) and Childcare (Exemption from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, the Secretary of State for Education grants exemption from the following sections of the 2017 Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework:

- i) The educational programmes under EYFS paragraph 1.5;
and
- ii) The early learning goals set out on pages 10 to 12 of the EYFS
and
- iii) The requirements set out in paragraph 2.6 to 2.11 of the EYFS relating to Assessments and moderation at the end of the reception year - the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile - which requires settings to complete the Profile and submit the same to the local authority.

Instead, we will be following in full the EYFS Reforms Early Adopter Framework.

The safeguarding and welfare requirements of the 2017 EYFS will continue to apply and have been included in the EYFS reforms Early Adopter framework.

At the end of academic year 2020/21 we will be required to complete the EYFS Profile as set out in the EYFS reforms early adopter framework for all children in the reception cohort in school.

What does this mean for your child?

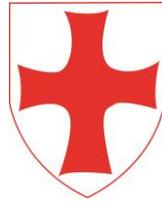
Nothing will change for your child. We will continue to offer them the highest quality learning experiences in school and we will continue to develop the whole child, thinking about how they learn and who they are as individuals. We hope that your child is unaware that anything different is going on, it is definitely business as usual for them!

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What does this mean for parents/carers?

Nothing will change for parents/carers. We will continue to support you to the best of our ability and value your opinions and knowledge of your child, we will still use Tapestry to record your child's learning journey and you may notice new assessment tracking at the bottom of observations. You will still be invited to regular post observations to Tapestry or adventures that you get up to at home in order to support our end of year judgements. Many of you may want to see the new goals and guidance and links to these are at the bottom of this letter.

What does this mean for Early Years staff?

Our staff have studied the changes and new guidance closely, In the final term of the year, the EYFS Profile will be completed for each child. The Profile provides parents and carers, practitioners and teachers with a well-rounded picture of a child's knowledge, understanding and abilities and their attainment against expected levels.

This year the Local Authority will not moderate our judgements however we will continue to moderate through Kingsbury Schools Together and our local Catholic Schools Network. We would hope that the Government will ask our opinion of the changes they have made and that we can help to inform the future of Early Years Education.

We hope that this letter has provided you with the relevant information regarding the early adopter year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For more information, please visit the government website -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>

Kind regards,

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