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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday the DFE announced changes to what primary assessment will look like for this academic year due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. I would like to reassure all parents that our focus this academic year has been to ensure all children are settled back into school, whilst identifying any gaps and misconceptions. Our initial assessments have allowed us to identify areas of focus within each class, so that class teachers can adjust their curriculum plans to meet the needs of their class.

All schools have been given a Catch Up Grant to use to provide additional support to pupils and if you use the link below, you can visit our website area to find out more about the grant and view our plan. [Pupil Premium, Sports & Catch Up Funding - Unsworth Primary School \(unsworth-primary.co.uk\)](http://www.unsworth-primary.co.uk)
At the end of the spring term we will carry out our next pupil progress meetings to update you on your child's progress and next steps. Below is an overview of what assessments will look like in each year group, how they will be shared and when.

Reception

At the end of the academic year Miss Portch will make a teacher assessment judgement in each of the 17 areas of learning for the Early Years Foundation Stage. These judgements will be shared in the end of year report in July and will indicate for each area if a child is emerging, at the expected level or exceeding. The report will also include a commentary on the Characteristics of Effective Learning, so all usual assessment reporting arrangements remain the same.

Year 1

At the end of the academic year Miss Sinclair will make a teacher assessment judgement across all taught subjects to indicate if a child is working below, at or above their age related expectation. These judgements will be reported in the end of year report in July. Children in year 1 will still complete the National Phonic Screening Check in June and the results of this will be sent home with the end of year report. Miss Sinclair will hold a parent information session about the Screening Check during the spring term to go through what it looks like and how parents can support children further at home.

Year 2

The KS1 SAT's tests have been cancelled for this academic year. At the end of the academic year Miss Garvin will still make a teacher assessment judgement across all taught subjects to indicate if a child is working below, at or above their age related expectation. These judgements will be shared in the end of year report in July. As children in Year 2 did not undertake the Phonic Screening Check at the end of year 1 due to the National Lockdown, schools have been asked to carry out the check during the autumn term. We will also carry out the usual National Year 2 phonic recheck in June for children who do not pass the check when first done in the autumn term. The results of the Screening Check will be sent





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home to parents on the 16th of December and results of the recheck will be sent home with the end of year reports. A parent workshop around supporting phonics at home will be held in the spring term.

Year 3

At the end of the academic year Miss Dooley will still make a teacher assessment judgement across all taught subjects to indicate if a child is working below, at or above their age related expectation. These judgements will be shared in the end of year report in July.

Year 4

This year children were due to undertake the new Year 4 National Multiplication Check, but as this is now optional for schools in 2021, we have taken the decision not to carry out the check. At the end of the academic year Mr Harper will still make a teacher assessment judgement across all taught subjects to indicate if a child is working below, at or above their age related expectation. These judgements will be shared in the end of year report in July.

Year 5

At the end of the academic year Mrs Ali will still make a teacher assessment judgement across all taught subjects to indicate if a child is working below, at or above their age related expectation. These judgements will be shared in the end of year report in July.

Year 6

The Reading and Maths SATs will still be carried out in Year 6, but the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar test has been removed. Schools have been given more flexibility in how the test will be carried out, in the case that there is disruption for pupils on the planned week of the tests. The results from the two subject tests will not be published, as there will be no performance tables for which is from the 10th of May 2021. A parent information session about the SAT's will take place in January and further information will be shared when published by the government. At the end of the academic year Mr Garside will still make a teacher assessment judgement across all taught subjects to indicate if a child is working below, at or above their age related expectation. These judgements will be shared in the end of year report in July and will be passed onto High Schools during transition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and feedback

Yours Sincerely

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