



PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Priory! Your children seem to have settled in really quickly – thank you! Next week we will be introducing them to the wider play area at break and lunch time with the help of their buddies and they will also start coming in to assembly with the rest of the school.

Over the next few weeks, in addition to the usual baseline assessments and observations Miss Tomlin does, we will also be piloting the new Reception Baseline Test which is possibly going to replace the old system in the future. It is a collection of tasks that your child will complete with Miss Tomlin to assess their literacy and numeracy baseline. They will take around 20 minutes each to do all of the tasks but we will be splitting this up. It is the intention (although everything has gone quiet on this front for quite a while!) that this new Reception baseline will be compared with end of Key Stage 2 Results to judge whether or not a school is doing well.

NFER are conducting the Pilot and we are using the software that they have provided to record assessments. We are not being given results and we do not know how outcomes will be interpreted as yet – we are just evaluating how the system works. I am not sure at this moment in time how much we are allowed to share with parents in terms of assessment results but we will share the normal baselines with you at Parents' Evening in November.

I have attached a Privacy Notice from NFER for your information. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask and I will do my best to answer/ find out the information for you.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Plunkett