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Dear Parents

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**Re. Assessment Procedures for new National Curriculum**

Prior to reports coming out at the end of the year, I thought it would be useful to write to you to remind you how the new curriculum must be assessed.

Please note: it is very different from the existing system that we have all understood so well. The Government have now stated levels will no longer be used and instead the system comprises of 3 bands: **Emerging/Expected/Exceeded.**

Each year the children will be judged on their attainment, regarding the curriculum, for that particular year group (and not given incremental levels – as per the old system eg. 1B-> 1A->2C).

The norm will be that the vast majority of pupils will be in the **'expected' band** by the end of the year. This means that they have attained everything from that year group's curriculum. Key messages have informed schools that a few pupils will be in the, so called, **'emerging band'** – which means they will be receiving support. Also as the curriculum is a 'mastery' curriculum, the aim being that children's knowledge is deepened and applied, there will only be a few pupils in the **'exceeding' band**.

It is important to understand that as the child moves onto their next year group all children will start as 'emerging' as they will not have covered the curriculum for that year group and therefore, cannot be considered to be at the 'expected' band.

That does not mean that the children will not be challenged, and in fact, this is a key focus of next year's School Development Plan as we strive towards becoming 'outstanding'.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Grima