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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Reception Baseline Assessment – Autumn 2025

We are so pleased to welcome you and your child to the Newchurch Family this September. Starting Reception is such a special time, and we are looking forward to getting to know each and every child and helping them feel happy, settled and ready to learn.

One of the things we do in the first few weeks is take part in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). This is something all schools in England are asked to do by the Department for Education (DfE).

The RBA is not a test — it is more like a short set of fun activities and games that your child will do one-to-one with their teacher. It helps us (and the DfE) get a picture of where each child is in their early language, literacy and maths skills on entry to school, so we can support them as they grow.

Here is what you need to know:

- It takes about 15 minutes in total, and is done in a relaxed, familiar setting. We can chunk it into small pockets of time if we need to for those who need it.
- Children often enjoy it — many do not even realise they are doing an assessment!
- There is nothing you or your child need to do to prepare.
- We do not share scores or results, as this is not about judging your child — it is simply about seeing the progress they make during their primary school years.

Privacy Notice – RBA 2025

The DfE collects some information about your child for the RBA, including their name, date of birth, sex, unique pupil number (UPN) and their RBA results. This is used to measure progress nationally from Reception to the end of Year 6.



The data is stored securely by the DfE for up to 10 years and is only shared with contracted providers who help deliver the assessment. It is not used for marketing.

Parents and carers have rights under data protection law, including to request access to their child's data. Numerical RBA scores cannot be shared with parents, as they are used for national progress measures only.

You can read the full privacy notice, and other a short parent guide, on the government's website: www.gov.uk/reception-baseline-assessment

If you have any questions or would like to chat about how we will do this in school, please do get in touch – Mrs Sizer is the best person to speak with.

Our priority is making sure your child (our new Newchurch Robin) feels happy, secure and ready to learn in these exciting first weeks.

Warm regards,

Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



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