



10 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow what a fantastic week! I cannot quite believe that as I write this our youngest learners have completed their first week with us. It has been delightful to see them enter each day with big smiles on their faces. Their excitement and braveness as they begin their journey has been second to none and we are so unbelievably proud of them and so should you they have been a real credit to you all.

We look forward to welcoming them all full-time next week, as they come together as a full class and have the opportunity to make more friends and join the school community. Just a few reminders;

- Morning drop off is 8.30am-8.50am, registers are taken promptly at 8.50am. If you arrive after 8.50am you will need to enter via the school office.
- End of the day pick up is between 3pm-3.15pm. Gates will close promptly at 3.15pm for the start of after school clubs.
- Children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days- Wednesday and Friday

### **Early Years New Framework**

At Broadstone First, we embrace changes that are going to have a positive impact on the children's learning and education. As you may already be aware, the DFE have introduced a new EYFS framework, commencing September 2021. Our Early Years team have been preparing for this change over the last year to ensure a smooth start to the school year.

Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new ELGs (Early learning goals).

As part of the changes to the new framework, it also means that there is less emphasis on recording, meaning we, as adults, can spend more time with your child getting to know them and having those quality interactions. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further ensuring your child's educational journey from reception to KS1 is building upon previous knowledge.

### **Reception Baseline**

The reception baseline assessment (RBA) is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. It will be undertaken with a member of the Reception Team and will measure your child's progress from Reception to Year 6. The data from the assessment will only be used by the Department for Education when your child has reached the end of Year 6. The data from the assessment, including numerical scores, is not shared with you, pupils, teachers, or external bodies, including schools, and there will be no published scores at pupil, school or national level.

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Over the next couple of weeks, the Reception Team will be spending quality 1-1 time with your child, getting to know them and if they need any further support in certain areas. Our team are extremely skilled in building strong relationships with the children and delivering these activities in a calm and comfortable way for all. I can assure you that this is not intrusive and the children will not be aware they are undertaking a baseline. The number of activities included are age appropriate and are not too different to some of the activities our Reception learners do day to day. If you wish to read further about the reception baseline, then you can find a useful parent booklet here;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

If you have any questions then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

We thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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Head of School