

5th July 2021



Dear Reception parents/carers,

On Friday 9th July, your child will bring home their end of year report. In line with local and national guidance, our teaching staff have used the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) as a guide, to determine the minimum requirements for successful progression in each subject and area of learning under the current circumstances.

Following advice from DfE, teaching since lockdown has focused more on the prime areas of learning in the EYFS, including communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, and physical development. Staff have assessed and addressed gaps in language, early reading and mathematics, particularly ensuring children's acquisition of phonic knowledge and extending their vocabulary. They have also continued to provide many opportunities for outdoor education.

To aid children's development and the transition from Reception to Year 1, Miss Summerfield has used her 'best endeavours' to provide accurate information to parents and to the Year 1 teacher. This year there is no requirement to submit data to the local authority.

During the pandemic, schools have been advised to prioritise identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics), whilst ensuring that our curriculum offer remained broad. As you can imagine, this was not an easy task, particularly considering lockdown, self-isolation, class bubbles and lack of educational visits. Despite this, we worked hard to maintain high standards through our remote learning package and ensured that 'focus' days with educational impact were continued wherever possible. All of the independent work completed this year, alongside internal formative and summative assessment, has helped our teachers to provide information to parents on their child's attainment in their annual report.

It is important when reading your child's report to bear in mind that any assessments made by their teacher will not be comparable to previous years or other schools.

In order to provide useful information for parents and your child's new teacher, we have assessed children's learning in EYFS in all seven key areas of learning as emerging, expected or secure. Strengths and next steps have also been provided for the following areas:

Contd.

Headteacher: Mrs C Bennett BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH
Newpound Lane • Wisborough Green • West Sussex RH14 0EE
Tel: 01403 700280 email: office@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk





- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)
- Literacy
- Numeracy

In addition to this assessment, we have included the baseline Autumn assessments in order to show progress.

Children who have secured the skills for their year group are 'ready to progress' independently and confidently to the next year's curriculum. Please note that, next year, teachers will continue to cover priority areas of learning from the previous year group alongside the new curriculum, as required.

Those who are working at the expected level have secured some or most of the skills and may need a little support when first accessing the Year 1 curriculum.

Children currently emerging will continue to receive appropriate support in Year 1.

Please note that circumstances this year have made it extremely difficult for a child to demonstrate that they are working 'above the expected standard' in all areas of a particular subject. There will be children, however, who have excelled in particular areas. If this is the case, this will be indicated within the 'strengths' section of the report.

If you wish to discuss your child's report with Miss Summerfield, please contact the office from **Monday 12th July** in order to arrange a telephone appointment.

DfE laid regulations to remove the requirement to report pupils' attendance data for the 2020 to 2021 academic year, in recognition of the impact of COVID-19 on possible attendance. We have therefore removed attendance from this year's reports. Any families with a high level of absence unrelated to COVID-19 will continue to be contacted individually.

Contd.

Headteacher: Mrs C Bennett BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH
Newpound Lane • Wisborough Green • West Sussex RH14 0EE
Tel: 01403 700280 email: office@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk





I would like to finish by saying that the Reception children at Wisborough Green have blown me away with their confidence, independence, and positive attitudes throughout one of the most difficult years in education in my lifetime and their first year at school. Please read your child's report with this in mind and be extremely proud of their successes and attitude. This really is a school where our key values are embodied in our children and I am honoured to be part of their journey.

Thank you for your continued support,

C. Bennett

Caroline Bennett
Headteacher

Headteacher: Mrs C Bennett BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH
Newpound Lane • Wisborough Green • West Sussex RH14 0EE
Tel: 01403 700280 email: office@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk

