

Early Years – Early Adopter Status

At the end of each academic year, we assess Reception children against a set of Early Learning Goals (ELGs). The government has updated the ELGs and the new goals will become statutory for the 2021 – 2022 school year. However, schools were offered the opportunity to become ‘early adopters’ of these new goals and we made the decision to begin using the new framework for this academic year, 2020 – 2021.

What does this mean for your child?

Nothing will change for your child and we will continue to offer the same high-quality learning experiences as we always have, with the new ELGs and framework as focus for teaching and learning. We will collect evidence to make our assessments in the same way as we have always done; through observations from a mix of child-initiated and adult-led activities.

What does this mean for parents/carers?

Nothing will change for parents and carers. We will continue to have an open dialogue and discuss any concerns or queries that you may have. The new goals can be found in the EYFS Early Adopter Framework. Please remember these goals are what we are working towards for the end of the school year.

What does this mean for Early Years Staff?

New guidance to support learning over the Reception year has been released and staff have studied the changes and new guidance closely in order to support your child. This year, the Local Authority will not moderate our judgements but we have joined a network team of other early adopter schools from the local area.