



Silsden Primary School

15th September 2026

DfE Reception Baseline

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to make you aware a statutory assessment that all Reception children throughout the country will be taking part in. The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) has been running successfully for the past few years at Silsden Primary. This assessment needs to be completed by all Reception children in the first six weeks of being at school.

The RBA is used to track a child's progress throughout their primary school education. All children across our Reception Classes (Jenner, Nightingale, Seacole) will participate. The baseline assessment will be administered by your child's class teacher, in a quiet space, using a mixture of practical and familiar resources. This assessment will check your child's early literacy, communication, language and maths skills which we will use to help inform our initial assessment (baseline) of your child. The other areas of learning will be assessed by your child's class teacher and class teaching assistant through play.

From Wednesday 15th September we will begin administering the RBA and will continue for the next 4 weeks. Please do not worry about this, completing a 1:1 activity with your child is part of our usual teaching and learning process in EYFS, the children actually enjoy doing it! Once your child has completed the RBA your child's class teacher will receive a narrative description of how your child performed. We will share these with you in due course.

In addition to this letter, we have attached an 'information for parents' leaflet for your information.

Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher should you wish to discuss any of the above items relating to this letter.

Many Thanks
The Reception Team

