



No more levels!

As you may be aware the Government has removed assessing with levels for children in primary schools. SATs will continue to take place at the end of Year 2 and 6, but the expectations and content of these assessments will change.

The New System

From September 2015, we stopped assessing children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 against the National Curriculum levels that parents and carers will have been familiar with (ie the numbers with letters such as a 2b, 3c, 4a etc).

In line with the New National Curriculum which was published in 2014 and raised expectations, children will be assessed against Year End Expectations. We can no longer measure progress against previous years as we are no longer assessing against the same criteria.

The 'Year End Expectations' have been taken from the New National Curriculum and state the minimum requirements a learner must meet in order to ensure continued progress throughout the year in line with age expected standards. Your child will be assessed as **developing, working at the expected level or secure** with regard to age related expectations. Children will no longer be assessed as exceeding age related expectations as the focus will be on embedding their skills and learning at this point.

This means that children in Year 3 will work towards what is expected of a child in Year 3 – they will either be **developing** their understanding of those Year 3 objectives, working at the **expected** level for a Year 3, or will be **secure** in their understanding (above expectations). The system works the same for the other year groups.

Remember – DES (Developing, Expected, Secure)

Staff continue to differentiate all activities to ensure that all learners' needs are met.

YEAR 6

Your child will be undertaking SATs assessments in Reading, Writing, SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Mathematics. These assessments will reflect the New National Curriculum content and will be marked against a standardised score, rather than broad levels. The timings and dates of these assessments will continue as in past years. There are no longer Level 6 papers as the rise in expectations have taken account of this in the tests.