



# ALL SAINTS BENHILTON ASSESSMENT UPDATE



**Assessment has changed to be in line with the new National Curriculum and children will no longer be assessed against national levels ...**

## **So what has replaced levels?**

In each year group learners are now assessed in terms of whether they are **emerging, developing, secure or mastery with respect to the age related expectations.**

In line with the New National Curriculum and raised expectations, children will be assessed in a number of ways.

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. The new National Curriculum focuses very much on ensuring children have a breadth of understanding within **the concepts and skills they learn.** The application

**of skills and understanding** across a wide range of curriculum areas is key. Rather than **moving 'up' the stages, the focus is on moving 'outwards' developing a deeper understanding.**

Staff will continue to differentiate all activities to ensure that all learners' needs are met and include activities to 'plug gaps' in understanding.

Gathering evidence of learners progress and development will continue with a wide range of **Formative Assessment;** (day to day assessment through learning completed, observations, conversations and guided sessions) which will inform staff planning and also **Summative Assessment** (more formal assessment/tests) which will play a part in the overall assessment and progress checks for learners at set times in the year.

**What is the same is that we try to ensure the progress of all children in our care.**



### What will happen at the end of each key stage? (Year 2 and Year 6)

We have received sample papers which appear to be very similar to previous tests.

At the end of year 2 pupils will take papers in reading, GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and maths (arithmetic and reasoning)

At the end of year 6 pupils will take papers in reading, GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and maths (arithmetic and reasoning).

**Note** there is no longer a mental maths test, but we will continue to encourage the practice of mental maths strategies.

### What will you find out?

During parents' evenings you will be told if your child is performing within age related expectations and their progress during that year. Please be mindful that this is a different system for staff and it may take them a while to get familiar with it.

Schools will need to include results from the national curriculum tests in their annual reports to parents. They will need to report the pupil's scaled score and whether or not they met the national standard.



If you have any questions or want to know more please come along to one of the presentations I will give during parents' evenings.

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