



# St George's Primary School

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Dear Early Years Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Early adopters of new EYFS Framework and Development Matters**

In 2018 the Department for Education (DfE) proposed changes to the early learning goals and the assessment process within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 (following a consultation period), the DfE published two documents:

Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage Setting the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five EYFS reforms early adopter version July 2020

Early years foundation stage profile 2021 handbook EYFS reforms early adopter version June 2021

These documents are for schools opting to be **early adopters**; the reforms are due for national roll out from September 2021.

The reforms announced are designed to:

- improve outcomes at 5 years old for all children
- improve language development for all children
- reduce workload for teachers and childcare practitioners.

Schools were given the option to become 'Early Adopters' of the new framework and implement these reforms from September 2020. We have accepted this opportunity at St George's in the understanding that we will receive greater guidance on the reforms and our children will be able to fully embrace and benefit from the reforms in this academic year, before they become statutory in 2021.

We will continue to report to parents on children's progress and attainment in the same way and will complete end of year assessments against the **Early Adopter Framework**. This data will continue to be reported at a local and national level.

In the coming months we will provide parent information sessions to enable parents to fully understand the new EYFS framework and Development Matters, in the meantime please familiarise yourself with the embedded documents and do not hesitate to contact school should you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs L Binks

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