



Ambition, Achievement, Aspiration

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## **Assessing without Levels - A Guide for Parents**

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#### **Year 1**

Dear Parents,

Most children in Year 1 will be working within Band 1. The meaning of each step is clarified below.

Step 1b - Your child is beginning to meet some of the requirements of the Year 1 programme of study.

Step 1b+ - Your child is becoming more confident in some of the requirements of the Year 1 programme of study.

Step 1w - Your child is working confidently within the Year 1 programme of study.

Step 1w+ - Your child is working confidently within the Year 1 programme of study and is meeting a significant proportion of its requirements.

Step 1s - Your child is secure in the majority of the requirements of the Year 1 programme of study.

Step 1s+ - Your child has met nearly all the requirements of the Year 1 programme of study and demonstrates a deep understanding of these.

Pupils working significantly above the expectation for their year group can be assessed in the next year group's band. (2b, 2b+, 2w etc).

If a child is not yet able to work within band 1, they will continue to be assessed using the Early Years assessment criteria. The six steps will still be used but they will be assessed within the 40-60 month band. (This is the national expectation for children in Year R). Therefore your child will be assessed as either 40-60b, 40-60b+, 40-60w and so on.

Broadly speaking, to meet age related expectations, a child should be a 1b ( 1 beginning) at the start of year 1 and a 2b (2 beginning) at the start of Year 2. However as children will inevitably be at different starting points at the beginning of Year 1, six steps of progress over the course of a year is considered good progress.

If you have any questions about the steps system of assessment, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher