



Somerford Primary School

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Dear Parents

I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in to 'big school' already -thank you for doing such a good job to get them ready for this new experience.

I appreciate it is tricky to talk to Mrs Hinz-James at the gate as you normally would, so please do call or email the school office if you have any questions.

Next academic year, the DfE are introducing a new Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) programme and they have asked some schools to adopt this new programme early and trial it this academic year. We are one of the 'Early Adopter' schools.

You and your child will not notice any differences in the day to day experience of Reception. The changes will be for Mrs Hinz-James and Mrs Knowles for example in the assessment evidence they make of your child's learning.

I am required to share the following exemption direction from the DfE:

Early years foundation stage (EYFS) reforms early adopters scheme: exemption direction for academic year 2020/21 for Somerford Primary School, unique reference number 113736, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole

Under The Early Years Foundation Stage (Exemption from Learning and Development Requirements) and Childcare (Exemption from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, the Secretary of State for Education grants exemption from the following sections of the 2017 Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework:

- i) The educational programmes under EYFS paragraph 1.5; and*
- ii) The early learning goals set out on pages 10 to 12 of the EYFS; and*
- iii) The requirements set out in paragraph 2.6 to 2.11 of the EYFS relating to Assessments and moderation at the end of the reception year – the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – which requires settings to complete the Profile and submit the same to the local authority.*

If you would like to find out more you can visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>

I would like to reassure you again that you and your child will not notice any differences to their school experience.

Yours sincerely

Helen Frampton
Headteacher