

9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

From September 2021, there will be a new framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. This will be statutory and all Reception classes and nurseries will have to implement it. We have chosen for St. Mary Cray Primary Academy to be an Early Adopter this year. This means that we are following the new framework a year early, rather than waiting until September 2021. All schools in the Spring Trust and many others around the country, are doing the same.

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.

Instead, we will be following in full the EYFS Reforms Early Adopter Framework. The safeguarding and welfare requirements of the 2017 EYFS will continue to apply and have been included in the EYFS Reforms Early Adopter Framework.

At the end of academic year 2020/21 we will be required to complete the EYFS Profile as set out in the EYFS Reforms Early Adopter Framework for all children in the reception cohort in school.

For more information on the revised Early Years Curriculum, please visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework.

We also attach a powerpoint presentation which will hopefully be able to answer your questions.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of the EYFS Team:

Ms Bakker – Class Teacher

Ms McBride – Class Teacher

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Holmes

EYFS Leader