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Our ref MF/WR

Your ref

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Dear Parent,

Baseline Assessments: Assessment for Excellence

In order to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our young people, we plan to assess all S1 pupils to help us understand how our young people learn and what we need to do in order to help them achieve. The assessments will take place in class time and are delivered digitally. Each assessment should last for approximately one hour.

The assessments have been developed by the School of Education at Durham University and are used to support learning in schools throughout Scotland. We will use the information to supplement the wide range of information that we already have about the progress and achievements of your child including primary reports and the professional judgement of teaching staff. This range of evidence helps us identify the most effective ways to support your child's learning.

The digital format of this assessment does not support text to speech recognition so this will be taken into account for those youngsters who would normally receive this type of support. All pupils will receive information about the format of the assessment in their personal support classes.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the assessments in more detail, please contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

M J Farrell
Depute School Improvement