



## FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents

### Key Stage 1 Results

Last week you will have received your child's school report and there is a lot of information to take in. I am writing this letter to explain the new national statutory assessment system that has been used with all children in Year 2 this year.

At Key Stage 1, a teacher assessment only is reported. Teachers have used tests in addition to their own knowledge of the children based on everyday class work to make these assessments. Your child's report shows the range of teacher assessment categories that can be used at Key Stage 1.

It is important to recognise that the standards in place this year are much higher than those in previous years.

Previously, at Key Stage 1, the "expected standard" was Level 2. Many children who in the past would have achieved Level 2 have not attained the new expected standard because it is more challenging. This can be seen in the Hertfordshire data (national data is not yet available) – for example, in reading, last year 92% of pupils achieved Level 2 or better. This year, 79% have achieved the expected standard or above.

The important message is don't panic if your child has achieved below the expected standard for their Key Stage. Your child's teacher will know their strengths and areas for developments well. These will be outlined in their report. We are committed to supporting children's learning at Fairlands. Their current class teacher and next year's class teacher are already discussing the best way to support your child's learning regardless of what they achieved in their assessments. If you are worried please come and talk to your child's class teacher. Alternatively make an appointment to see them another time.

If you require further information, the Standards and Testing Agency (part of the Department for Education) have produced a leaflet for parents of children in Year 2. This can be downloaded from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents>

Alternatively, please make an appointment with me. You can also email me at [Emily.thompson@fairlands.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Emily.thompson@fairlands.herts.sch.uk) with any questions you may have.

Please also remember that the assessment does not tell you everything about your child. Children are good at lots of different things. Whilst it is important that we make good progress in our learning, all of the children worked hard and tried their very best and that is all we can ask of them.

Kind regards

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