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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Pupil Assessment and Monitoring Information Reception: Autumn 2021**

Over the next week, Reception children will be taking a short assessment within school. We use the PIPS system provided by CEM at Durham University.

The assessment will provide a snapshot of where pupils are when they begin Reception class, establishing a new starting point on entry to school. It is a short (approximately 20 minutes), computer-based assessment focusing on their early literacy, communication, language, and mathematics skills. Miss Hardy will carry out the assessment one-to-one, with each child. It does not require any preparation at home or at school, and will help our teachers to understand what our pupils can do at the beginning of their time here at Avalon.

It is important to note that this is not a pass or fail assessment and the results will not be published. It will be used to inform us of your child's next steps in learning and help us to plan for the best possible outcomes.

If you have any questions or concerns about the assessments, please contact Miss Hardy who will be happy to explain how the assessments will work.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway  
Headteacher

