



11th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Assessment, Reporting and Parents' Evenings

I am writing to inform you of our assessment and reporting procedures for this term and the Parents' Evenings that will follow.

The school uses formal assessment systems that allow us to compare our children with others on a national level and, importantly, allows staff to have an accurate and immediate understanding of your child's potential development and next steps for progress.

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be assessed prior to the October half-term using either online or paper assessments via our external assessment provider: GL Assessment. These results will then be recorded in your child's progress report in November.

Over the coming weeks, children from Nursery to Year 1 will complete internal assessments, where the teachers will form a judgement based on their performance.

All classes within the school from Nursery to Year 6 will receive their Autumn Progress Report on Friday 7th November via the Parent Portal app.

This report, as in previous years, will then be followed by a Parents' Evening (Nursery to Year 6) in the week commencing 10th November. Please note that Parents' Evenings this term will continue to be online using the School Cloud System. More details on Parents' Evenings will follow after the October half-term.

In addition to the usual autumn assessments, Year 2 will be taking an online Dyslexia Screening Test. Standardised to ensure accurate benchmarks, the assessment will be for the whole year group, on an opt-out basis. As children develop at different rates, a certain level of maturity is required before dyslexia can be diagnosed. For this reason, a formal dyslexia assessment cannot be conducted until a child is at least 7 years old. It distinguishes between general literacy difficulties and those associated with dyslexia. Comprising six digital tests, it identifies any dyslexic tendencies, which can then be monitored throughout the year and result in us possibly recommending a formal dyslexia assessment after your child's 7th birthday, if we feel it would be beneficial. If you do not wish for your child to partake in the pre-dyslexia screening, please contact me at bbudd@forestschoo.co.uk.

To eliminate these as a potential barrier to your child's learning, we are politely asking that children's eyesight and hearing tests are up to date. Please use the following links for further NHS advice:

Eyesight:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/>

Hearing:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hearing-tests-children/>



We have been delighted with the start of the autumn term and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Beverley Budd
Deputy Headteacher (Academic and Early Years)