



With God's love, we seek adventure with our minds and find a home for our hearts

Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to announce that Totternhoe CE Academy is participating in the early adopter scheme for the Early Years Foundation Stage reforms.

At the end of their reception year we assess your children and decide if they have met a set of early learning goals in different areas of learning. The government has decided to update these early learning goals and has offered schools the opportunity to adopt the new early learning goals one year early, in September 2020. New guidance to support learning and development over the Nursery and Reception years has been released alongside these new early learning goals, this is called Development Matters. Development Matters is not a checklist of things your child should do, it is guidance for adults who work with children, to help them support and embed your child's learning journey.

What does this mean for your child?

Nothing will change for your child. We will continue to offer them the highest quality learning experiences in school and we will continue to develop the whole child, thinking about how they learn and who they are as individuals. We hope that your child is unaware that anything different is going on, it is business as usual for them!

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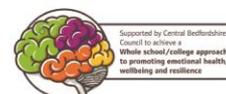
Nothing will change for parents/carers. We will continue to support you to the best of our ability and value your opinions and knowledge of your child. We will still use Class Dojo to record your child's learning journey. Many of you may want to see the new goals and guidance and links to these are at the bottom of this letter.

This year the Local Authority will not moderate our judgements. We hope that the Government will ask our opinion of the changes they have made and that we can help to inform the future of early years education. Please email us if you have any questions, worries or concerns about this.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>

Best wishes,

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