

1st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19, our school is being offered access to a programme called Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). The programme is designed for Reception pupils and involves providing targeted small group and one-to-one support for children who would benefit from additional support with their language and early literacy skills.

The programme initially involves using a tablet-based assessment called LanguageScreen with all our Reception pupils to help us understand who may benefit most from receiving NELI. LanguageScreen is a short (approx. 10 minutes) and fun activity for children and will give us useful information about children's language skills. We are planning to start these assessments on the 7th December and will use the same assessment again at the end of the school year to understand how children's language skills have progressed.

If you do not want your child to be assessed with LanguageScreen, please let the office know by Friday 4th December. Similarly, if you have any objections to your child's data being retained for research purposes by the team behind the LanguageScreen app, please let us know and we will ensure that your child's data is deleted from the LanguageScreen database. The data can be deleted after the assessment has taken place so the school can know the outcome of the assessment without the data being retained by the LanguageScreen team for research purposes. The LanguageScreen data Privacy Policy, detailing how data is collected and used, can be accessed on www.languagescreen.com. Thank you for your continued support as we take up this exciting opportunity to help your children in the early development of their language.

Yours faithfully

Miss N Wade