

Assessment without Levels

Alongside the Primary National Curriculum changing there has also been a change in how schools now assess. At Crooksbarne we have previously used a system of levelling which was used in all schools throughout England. These are the levels that you received at the end of the year with your child's school report.

In September the Department for Education published the following statement.

'As part of our reforms to the national curriculum, the current system of 'levels' used to report children's attainment and progress will be removed from September 2014 and will not be replaced. By removing levels we will allow teachers greater flexibility in the way that they plan and assess pupils' learning.'

Schools are now free to choose their own method of assessment. There were a number of pilot systems trialled last year and there have been many different systems implemented in many different schools. Some schools have decided to keep their current assessment systems.

At Crooksbarne we have remained with our current system while we investigate a number of different assessment systems until we find the one that is most appropriate for our children and curriculum.

As we are now teaching the new Primary National Curriculum we need to be assessing against this and our current online system allows us to do this.

We will also continue to assess the children using levels to ensure that we can monitor their progress through the year.

We will be making continual small changes throughout the year to ensure the progress of the children is carefully monitored and when we report to you during the year we will do our best to explain the changes that we have made. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.