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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coxheath Primary School has become an early adopter of the new Early Years Foundation Stage framework, which will be statutory for all infant and primary schools from September 2021.

In accordance with this, we were notified last week that Coxheath School is now exempt from sections of the 2017 Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework for the academic year 2020-21.

The safeguarding and welfare requirements of the 2017 EYFS will continue to apply and have been included in the EYFS reforms Early Adopter framework.

At the end of this academic year, we will be required to complete the EYFS profile as set out in the EYFS reforms early adopter framework for all children in reception and submit the data to the local authority.

The seven areas of learning and development that shape the educational programmes in Early Years Settings remain the same. These consist of the three prime areas considered highly important for igniting children's curiosity and learning, Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. In addition to these, the four specific areas of learning, Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Art and Design, again remaining unchanged.

There is an increased focus on Communication and Language within the new framework which underpins all seven areas of learning. The importance of a language rich environment in building children's language skills effectively is highlighted. There is a shift in focus within Mathematics away from knowledge of numbers to 20 and towards a deep understanding of numbers to 10, the relationship between and the patterns within them. It is from here that a mastery of maths is built.

The new Early Years Foundation Stage Early Adopter Framework is available to view online and can be found by following the link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/896810/EYFS_Early_Adopter_Framework.pdf

We are excited about delivering the new framework in EYFS, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Early Years Team.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Evenden (Deputy Head Teacher) and Mrs C Moore (EYFS Lead)
