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Dear Parent/Carer

Whole School Reading Assessment

We are pleased to inform you that, as part of our whole school reading strategy, all students will be taking an online standardised reading assessment through a platform called Bedrock Learning.

The Bedrock reading assessment is an adaptive assessment, which requires no preparation by students. All we ask is that they do their very best. It takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and will enable staff across all subject areas to gain a deeper understanding of how they can best support your child. For the majority of students, the assessment will take place in one of our computer suites during normal lesson time and under controlled conditions, with their usual class teachers helping other members of staff to facilitate the assessment.

We are committed to enabling all of our learners to fully access our curriculum and to reach their full potential. Understanding their current reading ability is fundamental to this. The reading assessment will provide us with a clear and precise baseline of each student's current attainment level in reading and help us identify any specific areas where they may need support. It is a standardised assessment that reliably measures reading skills against the national average, so that we can target interventions to support and challenge learners in the most useful way. This will then be followed up with a subsequent assessment later in the year, so that we can see the progress your child has made.

We will, of course, keep you informed should we need to discuss your child's reading progress with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the reading assessment.

Yours faithfully

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