

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19, our academy 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.

This programme is part of the government's response to ensuring that children's progress is not negatively impacted by the pandemic. We believe it is beneficial for all of our children to take part in this and are excited by the opportunity to work with the programme.

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'll use the same assessment again at the end of the school year to understand how children's language skills have progressed.

This is a web based programme and we will need to create a profile for your child within it. The LanguageScreen data privacy statement, detailing how data is collected and used, can be accessed at [www.languagescreen.com](http://www.languagescreen.com). Should you have any concerns about us creating this profile to enable your child to access the provision, please contact us by Wednesday 24th February.

We look forward to continuing to ensure that all of our children receive appropriate and targeted support and additional intervention during this very challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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