



# Mesne Lea Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Data Sheets

Last year we explained that we were being instructed, by the DFE, to change the way in which we assess children, and report to parents. At that stage, there was no direction as to how parents should be reported to. Many schools have been working very hard to adopt a new way of reporting that is meaningful to parents and children, which clearly indicates how much progress has been made and 'does not get in the way' of actually teaching the children.

As you know we have trialled the 9 point scale.

This way of assessing the children has many advantages; the teachers know what they are expected to teach, and to some extent progress can be reported on. However, we do not feel it is clear enough for parents, when the children have achieved all of their end of year targets, and they need to 'master them' (work at a greater depth). There are no really clear examples of what this 'mastery' looks like. At this stage of the year, many children are getting close to achieving their objectives but have not yet mastered them. Therefore, when reporting the current levels it looks like some children have 'got stuck' as they are working on applying the same skills in a variety of activities. They have not necessarily learnt any more 'objectives.'

At the end of Year 2 and Year 6, when the children do their statutory tests, they will not be awarded a level, they will as judged as;

- **Working towards the expected standard,**
- **Working at the expected standard,**
- **Working at greater depth within the expected standard.**

Nationally, the Government are expecting 65% of children to be working at the expected level in reading **and** writing **and** maths.

**We will not be sending out any data sheets until the end of the year, when we can report the children's final judgements to you.**

The leaders of school are monitoring the children's books regularly, and very carefully ensuring all children are making good, and outstanding progress. The majority of parents have also had the opportunity to look at their children's work, and it is clear that progress is being made. We will, of course, continue to do this. Please contact school if you require any further information on this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Finlay  
**Headteacher**

Only 187 out of nearly 17,000 schools in the country achieved 100% Level 4B+ in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Well done Mesne Lea Primary School!

Congratulations from Nick Gibb MP (January 2016)