



# Birches First School

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Dear Parents,

Please find attached your child's final report. As I'm sure you will understand, due to the unprecedented circumstances during the Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdown and school closures, we have adapted our report format this year.

Your child's report has been written based on their teacher's observations of them, their learning and behaviour up to the point of school closure. We are not able to provide attainment or progress data as we have been unable to carry out the necessary assessments. In February you will recall receiving your child's mid-year report which reflected our most recent assessments. We have not made predicted end of year judgements or judgements for any statutory assessments (Early Learning Goals for Reception, Phonic Screen for Year One, Key Stage One SATs for Year Two or Multiplication Check for Year Four). It is important that we recognise that children will have had a range of differing experiences during lockdown and individual children will have responded differently to the experience of home learning. Therefore, some children may have progressed further while others may now be in need of support to refresh learning skills, develop attention, focus and independence skills and cover missed learning when they return to school.

In September, teachers will carry out baseline assessments to help identify appropriate starting points for individuals as well as the class as a whole and this information will be used to inform next steps and subsequent planning. This will be an ongoing process throughout the year.

There may be elements of the attached report you would like to discuss. Unfortunately, as I'm sure you will understand, we are unable to offer face to face meetings. However, class teachers will be happy to receive and respond via email should this be necessary. In September we hope to offer opportunities for parents to meet new class teachers where guidance allows this.

I hope you enjoy reading this snap shot of your child's learning this 'year'.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Mrs Ferretti

Acting Headteacher.