



Bagthorpe Primary School

Assessment Explained: What, Why and How

What we assess

- All subjects of the **National Curriculum** and Religious Education (RE)

English	Mathematics	Science	Geography
History	Physical Education	Computing	Design & Technology
Music	Art & Design	Modern Foreign Languages	Religious Education

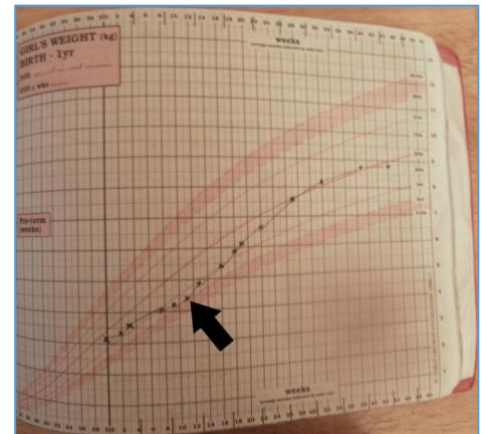
- Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education (PSHE),
- Level of Involvement, and Emotional Well-Being

Why we assess

You may be familiar with the chart health visitors use to track baby weight and growth. Regular checks pick up if progress slows and corrective action can be taken.

We do the same with children's assessments, checking that they are on track to meet the end of year expectations.

Measuring their progress over time, helps us to see whether they are progressing at the same rate, speeding up or slowing down; we can then take the necessary action to address this.



We keep a close eye on where your child is in relation to their age, making sure we correctly identify things they don't fully understand and the next steps in learning to help them make their best progress.

How we assess

Class Teachers use their full knowledge of the child, to make overall **Teacher Assessment** judgements at the end of each term. Teachers do this by drawing together information from a wide range of sources, including:

- tests, assessments or quizzes that children take at the start and end of a unit of work
- how well children make links to prior learning and across other subjects
- how children demonstrate their understanding through work outcomes. This could be written, but it could be through an oracy presentation, e-book or other format
- NTS standardised tests for Reading and Maths, which you can read more about [here](#)

We use codes, such as EXS and GDS to describe children's attainment. For each of these codes there is an Assessment Descriptor. An explanation of these can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to have a word with your child's teacher.