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Dear parents and carers,

The foundation stage reports seem to have caused some concern for parents. May I take this opportunity to apologise for any upset and to clarify some important points that should be taken into account when you are reading the computer generated report.

The foundation stage profile reports may be marked as not yet achieving an early learning goal or working below age related expectations. For the Early learning goals we are very early in the academic year and need to have gathered the evidence for each child achieving the statement independently on 3 separate occasions to highlight it as achieved.

For age related expectations – these are the expectations for children at the end of Foundation Stage and not for the current term. It is quite unlikely that any child would currently be working at age related expectations in many areas in December.

Another reason for discrepancies on the report to your personal knowledge is that we may not yet have covered things on the curriculum such as capacity or measuring.

The best and most accurate information you are given is at the parent evening, where we will flag up any concerns or areas for development we feel there may be for your child. Please do not be alarmed by the wording of the report – your child is not falling behind – if they were we would be requesting a meeting with you on a 1:1 basis to discuss concerns and how we could address these together. We track our children every 6 weeks so are very accurate in our judgments and able to notify you quickly if any areas of concern occur.

Yours sincerely

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