



5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our Numeracy Plan for Cedarbank School, our new S1 pupils will undergo a SEAL assessment. This is an individual assessment which gives us a clear picture of where your child is and identifies any gaps they may have in Numeracy. The results from this assessment form a valuable basis for future Numeracy lessons, homework and targeted teaching.

SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetic Learning) focusses on six strands of numeracy: forward number word sequences; backward number word sequences; number identification; place value and number structure; addition and subtraction; and multiplying and dividing. Each Numeracy lesson we have with the pupils concentrates on two or three of these strands.

In the current climate of keeping everyone safe, the assessment will be carried out in an informal setting, 1-1 with a teacher. We will be maintaining social distance and any hygiene guidelines as per the school's risk assessment. This year we are designing the assessments so that if the pupil is asked to use a shared physical resource, for example counters, we will replace this with a virtual resource on their own laptop to avoid any cross contamination.

The SEAL Assessments will begin after the October holidays and will run into November and December.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Gallacher  
Mathematics Teacher



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