



Reception baseline postponed

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In response to the 2017 primary assessment consultation, the government announced plans to introduce a statutory reception baseline assessment (RBA) in autumn 2020.

Due to the challenging circumstances faced by schools in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, statutory introduction of the RBA has been postponed to Autumn 2021. Instead, schools have the opportunity to sign up to the RBA early adopter year.

Early adopter year

Schools have the option to take part in the RBA early adopter year to familiarise themselves with assessment materials before the RBA becomes statutory.

How schools can get involved

State funded schools with a reception cohort will be able to participate in the RBA Early Adopter year. Schools who choose to participate will receive assessment materials shortly before the October 2020 half term, with the optional assessment window opening for six-weeks after the October half term.

Participation is optional, even after signing up. Data gathered from the early adopter year will not be used for the purpose of the progress measure, and a full privacy notice can be found [here](#).

The recruitment window for schools to sign up opens on **25 June** and closes on **24 July 2020**.

Full details can be found via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reception-baseline-assessment>

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