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Dear parent/guardian,

As you know, the Welsh Government has been making some quite important changes to the education system in Wales. The first of these changes was the new reading and numeracy tests which every pupil from Year 2 to Year 9 sat during the summer term. The second major change is the new Literacy and Numeracy Framework which you may have heard about in the press.

The Framework is a planning tool that builds on the work we have been doing in recent years to raise standards in literacy and numeracy and states the standards we as teachers should be striving for our pupils to achieve. The Framework has been a statutory part of the curriculum since September this year, and the school is currently working to revise our curriculum to meet the new expectations of the Framework.

We will be using the expectations in the Framework to set work which improves each pupil's literacy and numeracy skills. The Framework makes raising standards in these essential skills a priority, but it does not replace the National Curriculum, so there will not be a big change in the content of lessons or in what your child learns.

We will also be using the Framework to assess pupil progress in these skills. By comparing a pupil's work against the expectations set out in the Framework, we will be able to set targets to support them in improving their literacy and numeracy skills. From the academic year 2014/15 there will be a statutory duty for us to report to you annually on your child's progress in literacy and numeracy as measured against the Framework.

There will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress during our usual parents' evenings, where you will also be able to ask any questions you may have about the Literacy and Numeracy Framework and the school's plans for its implementation. In the meantime it is possible to see the Framework by visiting:

<http://learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/nlnf/?skip=1&lang=en>

Yours sincerely,



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