



22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

At Auckland College, we embrace changes that are going to have a positive impact on the children's learning and education. As you may already be aware, the DFE have introduced a new EYFS framework, commencing September 2021. Auckland Early Years Foundation Stage are familiar and aware of the changes and have embedded the new EYFS framework ready for September.

### **What does this mean for your child?**

Your child will follow the updated EYFS framework and will work towards the final assessment at the end of the Reception year, using the new ELGs (Early learning goals). These goals are short statements that teachers assess your child against at the end of the year. The 7 main areas of learning remain the same. These are;

Communication & Language	Physical Development	Personal, social and emotional development	
Literacy	Mathematics	Expressive arts and design	Understanding the world

As part of the changes to the new framework, it also means that there is less emphasis on recording paperwork, meaning we, as adults, can spend more time with your child getting to know them and having those quality interactions. The new framework is also more aligned with the KS1 curriculum, further ensuring your child's educational journey from reception to KS1 is building upon previous knowledge.

### **EYLOG**

At Auckland College we really value partnerships with parents, and we hope to continue working closely with you to keep you updated about your child's progress across the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. To provide you with as much information as possible regarding your child's academic progression, teachers will complete a termly individual report that comments on how your child is performing in all their areas of learning. You will also be invited to termly parent's evenings to discuss your child's progress in more depth. By having an 'open-door policy' at Auckland, if you need to have a quick word with the teacher, you can approach in the morning or afternoon.

Auckland EYFS will continue to use EYLog to record and share your child's learning journey. Due the changes in the EYFS framework, we will now share a fortnightly 'snapshot' of your child's learning with you. This will be a photograph of your child developing or practising a new skill and will provide you with some information on what skills and learning characteristics your child is working towards. You will receive a minimum of one 'snapshot' per fortnight. We will also use class dojo to share and celebrate whole class achievements and keep you updated with what the children are learning week by week with lots of photographs.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kelly

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