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Dear Parent/Carer

Assessment at Papillon House School 2020/2021 - Information for parents:

Pupils at Papillon House School are assessed in an on-going pattern that focusses on their existing skills and then identifying their next steps.

We have previously used P Levels as these were the best fit for what we felt showed a good reflection of the progress our pupils make. The Government abolished P Levels in 2017 and Schools could then decide for themselves the best approach for measuring pupil’s attainment under the ‘Pre Key- Stage’ label. After much research, Papillon adopted the ‘**B-Squared**’ model. This uses **Progression Steps 1-10** which replace Levels P4 and above and **Engagement Steps 1-6** which is for pupils previously working at P Level 1-3. The B-Squared programme was designed for specialist schools and incorporates all areas of learning, including therapeutic areas. It provides an in-depth, yet broad opportunity, to assess pupils’ skills, plan their next steps and monitor the rate of progress across all areas so that any potential problems can be identified quickly and addressed accordingly. It can also be used for teachers to judge how much a pupil has achieved in a particular skill. For example, they may start off experiencing, then increase their understanding before being able to master the skill across different settings. Teachers set individual targets from B-Squared at the start of every term.

The rate of progress is measured as a percentage. There is no set expected levels of progress, this is individualised for each child and is dependent on the stage that they are currently working within. Progress will be reported to parents every year at the Annual Review. In addition, teachers will be reporting termly targets to parents that link directly to the pupil’s EHCP outcomes in a new format.

We will be running some Zoom workshops to answer any questions you may have about assessment at Papillon. If you would like to know more about our process in general, or if you have questions about your child’s progress or attainment, please register your interest by emailing naomi.hills@papillonhouseschool.co.uk

Best wishes

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