

# Scrap Baseline Assessment for Reception Children



## Petition Secretary of State for Education

The proposals for baseline assessment to be administered to all children in their first few weeks of school would subject children - the majority being only 4years old - to tests so that schools can demonstrate the "value" they add between Reception and Year 6.

The proposed assessments are not a reliable or valid source of data for this purpose, will not improve the quality of schools, and will not benefit children. The tests will not be age-adjusted or reflect that children's development.

Time spent on the assessments will **hinder a child settling in** at the start of their primary education. Children who perform less well on assessments will be **stigmatised and labelled as failing at the start of school**. This will also **damage the relationship between the school and parents** at a crucial early stage. We urge the Secretary of State for Education to abandon Baseline Assessments and reinstate the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP), a rounded assessment of children's development based on observation over time, as a statutory requirement instead.

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Please return to: 2 Rose Villas, Hebden Bridge HX7 6AZ no later than Friday 10 July.

Further information can be found at: [www.calderdale2young2fail.org.uk](http://www.calderdale2young2fail.org.uk)

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