
NO TO BASELINE ASSESSMENT NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Dear Nick Gibb,

I am writing as a primary school leader because I believe plans for Baseline assessment to go ahead next academic year should be shelved.

Even if schools have fully reopened in September, everyone's priority will be the welfare of children and helping them to feel safe, secure and settled at school.

For Reception pupils, who may have missed much practical and emotional preparation for school by not being in nursery, this will be even more important. It will be a time to build their confidence and support them at the start of their learning journey.

That is why it is so important that the Government acts now to call off the scheduled introduction of Reception Baseline Assessment in the next academic year. **I urge you to make this decision now and to communicate this to schools.**

I am far from alone in believing that introducing Baseline in this context would be wrong and potentially damaging. Recently, 2,800 heads, teachers, parents, academics and experts signed a letter to you on the topic, coordinated by campaign group More Than A Score.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Signed
