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Dear Parents

Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme

As part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19, Grange Park is being offered access to a programme called Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). NELI is a high quality, evidenced-based programme designed for Reception pupils and involves providing targeted small group and one-to-one support for children who would benefit from additional support with their language and early literacy skills.

We would like to set up the programme now, so that we are ready to use it as soon as the Government informs us it is safe for children to return to school.

The programme initially involves using a tablet-based assessment called LanguageScreen with all our Reception pupils to help us understand who may benefit most from receiving NELI. LanguageScreen is a short (approximately 10 minutes) and fun activity for children and will give us useful information about children's language skills. We will use the same assessment again at the end of the school year to understand how children's language skills have progressed.

If you do not want your child to be assessed with LanguageScreen, please let us know. Similarly, if you have any objections to your child's data being retained for research purposes by the team behind the LanguageScreen app, please let us know and we will ensure that your child's data is deleted from the LanguageScreen database. The data can be deleted after the assessment has taken place so the school can know the outcome of the assessment without the data being retained by the LanguageScreen team for research purposes. The LanguageScreen data Privacy Policy, detailing how data is collected and used, can be accessed on www.languagescreen.com.

Following assessment, your child's class teacher will inform you if your child meets the criteria for the NELI programme, which will run across the rest of the Reception year.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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