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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19, our school is being offered access to a programme called Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). The programme is 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.

The programme initially involves using a tablet-based assessment called Language Screen with all our Reception pupils to help us understand who may benefit most from receiving NELI. Language Screen is a short (approx. 10 minutes) and fun activity for children and will give us useful information about children's language skills. We'll 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 Language Screen, please let me know by emailing me at: chodges@st-thomascanterbury.merton.sch.uk;

Similarly, if you have any objections to your child's data being retained for research purposes by the team behind the Language Screen app, please let me know and we will ensure that your child's data is deleted from the Language Screen 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 Language Screen team for research purposes. Language Screen's data privacy notice can be accessed [here](#).

Yours Sincerely,

C. Hodges

Mrs Cara Hodges
Acting Assistant Head Teacher – Early Years