



Dear Parents,

This year we at Oxford we will change the way your child(ren) are assessed.

If you look at our school calendar you will notice that there are only 34 teaching weeks in an academic year.

In The UK, where our curriculum comes from, they have at least 40 teaching weeks. Fitting the curriculum in to ensure students have all the information and experiences they should to be prepared for the next academic year is quite difficult. In the UK primary children do not have formal exams in the middle of the year. In addition, we have time taken out of our learning time for Arabic & Islam.

In the past, two weeks were given for revision in December and two weeks for exams.

We simply cannot afford to take so much time out of our learning.

Now we will have regular Assessments as shown on the calendar attached along with end of year exams.

This year, we have introduced homework notebooks which are blank. These are for your child to paste the sheets he/she is given into so that the information needed for revision is easily available to them.

We hope that more time spent teaching students will help them achieve even more each year but will still have the data needed to ensure they are meeting the curriculum through regular assessments.

Thank you

Oxford Primary Team