

Understanding your child's report

What does this report tell me?

Shortly after starting Reception Class, your child completed the BASE assessment. BASE provides an overview of children's knowledge, skills and understanding as they begin their school lives. The BASE Parent Report presents the information about your child, taken from this assessment.

Your child's personal details are shown at the top of page 1 and, below this, three arrows summarise their assessment outcomes. Page 2 includes a detailed description of what your child knows and can do at the time of the assessment.

The three arrows represent different aspects of development. The arrow for Literacy is in blue, for Mathematics it is green and for Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) it is pink. Blue horizontal bars across the arrows give an indication of your child's developmental stage, according to BASE. Please note that a blue horizontal bar will only appear on the PSED arrow if the school carried out this part of the assessment with your child.

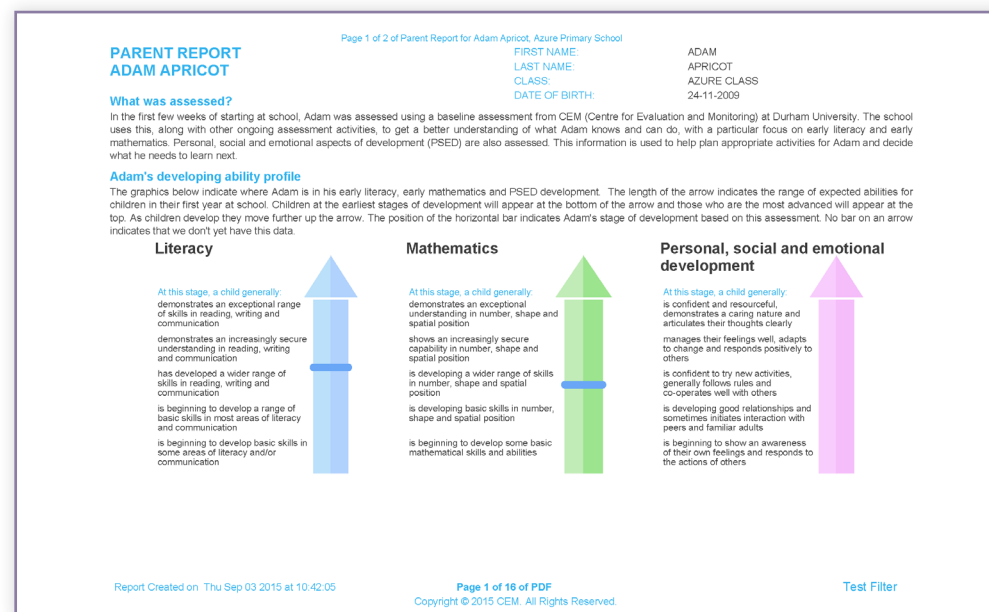
Your child's developmental stage may appear low at the beginning of the year. This is typical for many children starting reception class and should not be interpreted as being a problem. The arrows on the bars will appear higher as your child's understanding and skills improve. Short statements alongside each arrow explain what a child typically knows, understands or can do at each stage.

If it is relevant to your child, a short comment may appear below the arrows. This comment may relate to a special educational need they have, or it may appear if they speak English as an additional language. If it does appear, the comment will explain that circumstances such as these may influence the outcome of the assessment.

Schools can use BASE at the end of the school year as well as at the start. If your child's school chooses to repeat the assessment, a second report will follow in the summer term, which summarises the progress your child made throughout the year.

The BASE assessment is produced by Cambridge Insight, a subsidiary company of Cambridge University Press & Assessment. The information obtained from BASE will be used to provide a general indication of your child's current development and to help teachers plan appropriate activities to support your child's learning. For schools in England, the Department for Education (DfE) require Cambridge Insight to pass on some information from BASE. This information relates to early Literacy and Mathematics and will be used for the purposes of tracking children's progress at school in subsequent years.

If you have any concerns or questions relating to the BASE assessment or your child's report, please arrange to speak to their teacher.



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