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Dear parents,

Assessing writing at North Stainley CE Primary School.

This year, we are assessing pupils' writing in a new way called comparative judgement.

Twice a year, pupils will produce a piece of writing that will be assessed along with the work of other pupils nationally. This will allow us to give pupils a more accurate and reliable grade that shows how they are doing relative to other pupils across the country.

Teachers in our school and in other schools across the country will be responsible for doing the assessing. Pupils' work will be fully anonymized before it is assessed.

At the end of the process, we will be able to share the results with you. This is a national process, but it is not a government assessment, so there are no formal consequences of the assessment. It is simply a chance for you to see how your child is doing compared to other pupils of the same age. We hope that over time it will give you and your child a way to chart the progress they make across primary as they develop as writers.

We will also be able to share examples of pupils' writing with you from our schools and other schools, so you can see what is typical of pupils at different ages.

Different year groups will take part in the assessments at different times of year. Year 2 & Year 6 will only take part once a year, as they will do their writing SATs at the end of the year instead. Below you can see the schedule. We will share the results with you when they are available.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn Term 1			Writing assessment			
Autumn Term 2					Writing assessment	
Spring Term 1	Writing assessment			Writing assessment		
Spring Term 2		Writing assessment				Writing assessment
Summer Term 1						
Summer Term 2	Writing assessment		Writing assessment	Writing assessment	Writing assessment	

In order to facilitate the assessment, we need to share some pupil information with No More Marking Ltd. The data we will share is:

Pupil Name,

Pupil Date of Birth,

"Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender."



Pupil Gender,
Pupil Teaching Group,
Pupil Premium Status.

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This should make grading children's writing more accurate and ensure their next steps have the biggest impact on their progress.

We are taking part in a pilot, using this method of assessing writing, as part of a group of 16 school with the HART Teaching School Alliance, of which we are an active member.

We will keep you informed of our progress and share samples of children's writing with you.

If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Watts
Headteacher