



GRAVENEY SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT AT KEY STAGE 3 AT GRAVENEY SCHOOL

You may have read in the press that, as part of the revised national curriculum, the old national curriculum assessment levels have been abolished, and that schools are now devising their own ways of measuring pupil progress. Graveney is taking part in this process along with all other schools.

We are continuing to develop the ways in which we look at individual strengths and weaknesses in each subject, and teachers will give each pupil strategies for improvement as part of their marking of all major pieces of work. These are the most important part of any assessment because your son/daughter needs to know which are the next steps to take to make progress. Please encourage them to read these carefully, discuss them with you and ask the teacher if they are not clear what they mean.

However, we also need a grading system that allows us as a school, and you as parents/guardians, to record and monitor your son/daughter's achievements over time, and to ensure that they are making at least expected progress.

Our new Graveney Assessment System is based on the numerical scale that the Government is introducing for the reformed GCSEs. This will enable us to track their progress over the 5 years of Key Stages 3 and 4 using the same scale. It does, of course, mean that pupils in Year 7 will be at or near the bottom of the scale, and it would be really helpful if you could ensure that they understand that this is a new secondary school system, and a lower number than the old national curriculum level they were used to does not mean that they have moved backwards.

The Graveney Key Stage 3 levels are detailed overleaf, with some guidance as to what they mean. The complete scale is included so that you can see the progression to GCSE.

We expect pupils to move at least two steps (sub-levels) up the ladder every year, but this will not always mean a change of number. Most pupils should aim to make faster progress than this. The first progress report you receive in October will not include a formal level because pupils will not have completed enough work for a meaningful assessment. However, you will receive a full written report in April and an end of year grade sheet in July. Both of these will give a Graveney level for each subject which will be based on all the work that your son/daughter has completed by that point.

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L = Low
 S = Secure
 H = High

Graveney KS3 levels	Explanation
W1	A W level means working towards level 1.
W2	
W3	
W4	
1L	These levels cover a similar range of achievement to NC levels 4 to 6. Level 1 is approximately equal to the lowest grade in the new GCSEs
1S	
1H	
2L	
2S	
2H	
3L	
3S	
3H	
4L	
4S	
4H	
5L	Likely to be the key grade in the new GCSEs
5S	
5H	
6L	
6S	
6H	
7L	
7S	
7H	
8	
9	