



Archdiocese of Birmingham
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy
Principal: Mrs S Rathbone, BA (Hons) NPQH
Woodland Street, Biddulph, Stoke - on - Trent, Staffordshire, ST8 6LW
Tel: 01782 512644
E-mail: office@olognewman.co.uk
Website: <http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.co.uk>

Friday 7th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception English Speaking Board Early Steps: Step 1 (Speaking Together)

We are excited to share the news that entry for the English Speaking Board (ESB) Early Steps: Step 1 (Speaking Together) has been booked for the children in our Reception class for Wednesday 3rd July.

Your child will be entered for the Early Steps: Step 1 (Speaking Together) assessment which builds confidence in speaking and listening for Early Years children. The qualification recognises that every child is unique, constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. The session is taken in groups of six to eight children led by the class teacher.

There are 3 sections to the session and the session lasts approximately 15 minutes in total:

Section 1: Hello and Goodbye

Greet the assessor together at the beginning, and thank him / her for coming when you finish and say goodbye at the end of the session.

Section 2: Join in the Game

Join in a group action-rhyme or song led by the class teacher, keeping together all the way through. Showing the assessor how to join in too.

Section 3: Join in the Story

Listen to a story read by the class teacher and join in the sounds or repeated phrases or chorus.

We are really happy to be offering this opportunity to your children who have all already grown so much in confidence in terms of their speaking and listening skills.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Rathbone.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Catalano
English lead

If you require this information in any other format, please contact the school office.

