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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Together we support: Together we are strong**

You, as parents and carers, play a vital role in your children's development and learning. As part of your child's assessment process during their time in Early Years, we would like you to have an input in order for us to get a full picture of your child as a whole. You know how best they behave and learn at home.

In order for you to do this, we have created a few different options. Kept in each cloakroom area, there are home/school observation sheets, achievement certificates and WOW stars for you to select and use whenever you would like to show examples of the kind of things your child gets up to during their time at home with you. They can also be downloaded from the school website

<http://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/early-years/involving-parents-in-the-early-years/>

When you bring these pieces of evidence in to school, they will be entered into your child's learning journey file.

These pieces of evidence are to be completed as and when you like. There can never be too many but, at the same time, there is no pressure on you to complete them. A copy of these are attached to this letter.

Things that you can share with us range from those that will help inform your child's learning and achievements; these focus on their academic abilities. It can also be achievements such as staying in their own bed all night, using the toilet, fastening their own coat, or things such as swimming achievements or riding their bike. **Whatever it is that makes you and your child proud, and that you would like to share with us we would love to know!**

We look forward to working with you and building a fuller picture of your child through your involvement with school.

Yours sincerely,

The Early Years Team