

## Understanding PIVATs: A Guide for Parents

Performance Indicators for Valued Assessment Target Setting

### What is PIVATs?



PIVATs is an assessment tool we use at Gilmour Primary to track and **celebrate progress and achievements** your child makes. It is designed specifically for children with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** who are working **significantly below age-related expectations**. These children, will typically have a SEND Support Plan and/or Education Health and Care Plan in place.

Instead of looking at the curriculum 'big picture' PIVATs breaks learning and personal development down into **small, achievable steps**. These small steps help teachers to set individual targets for your child that are specific to their needs and to implement (deliver) strategies and/or intervention to support.

### Why do we use PIVATs?

At Gilmour Primary we aim to support children with special educational needs to make greater steps in progress to achieve their individual targets. In order to do this, teachers need to be secure in their assessments of these children and be able to **identify and address any gaps in their knowledge and understanding**. PIVATs is a recognised tool that provides a clear assessment framework to support school to do this.

### What areas does Gilmour Primary assess using PIVATs?

PIVATs (5)	We use this to assess...
Learning	<i>The core subjects:</i> Reading, Writing and Maths (Number)
Communication & Interaction	<i>Your child's speech, language and communication development.</i> Talking & Communication, Listening & Understanding
Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED)	<i>Your child's wellbeing and independence.</i> Personal Independence & Self-Help 'Learning to help themselves.' Social Awareness & Relationships 'Understanding of others.' Emotional Awareness 'Identifying and managing emotions.' Behaviour for Learning 'Readiness to engage'

### Learning PIVATs(S) stages:

Stages	This means my child is working within...
P1(i)e to Bridge a	Nursery/Reception
MILESTONE ONE	Year 1
MILESTONE TWO	Year 2
MILESTONE THREE	Year 3
MILESTONE FOUR	Year 4

**PSED PIVATs** are not based on age of development, but stages.

Please speak to your child's class teacher and/or SENDCo should you require any further information.