



02nd May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, the children in Year 6 will be sitting the national statutory assessment tests (SATs) between the 13th and 16th May. This letter is intended to make the details of that week clearer but we would also like to invite you into a meeting to discuss the process and the finer points. This meeting will take place on 18:00pm on Tuesday 7th May and Wednesday 8th May at 9:00am. You only need only need to attend one of these meetings however it is important that you attend to find out the varying levels of support that has been put in place for different groups of children.

The Year 6 children will sit 6 tests over the course of the week:

Date	Test
Monday 13 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Paper 1: short answer questions (45 minutes) Paper 2: spelling (15 minutes)
Tuesday 14 th May	English reading test Paper 1: Reading comprehension (60 minutes)
Wednesday 15 th May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes)
Thursday 16 th May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 minutes)

The children are familiar with the layout of all tests and have sat practice tests in class. However, if you have any questions regarding the tests' content you can find more information at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents>

To provide the children with the best opportunity to achieve during the tests, we would like all children to attend a breakfast club; this will start at 8:15am and will be held in the Year 6 classrooms. Children are to enter via Mrs Gladman's classroom. The children will be provided with a free breakfast from a range of pastries, fruit, yoghurts and fruit juice. It is really important the children arrive to school on time but if, for any reason, you are running late, please call the school as soon as you can. Furthermore, if your child is ill, please contact the school immediately to discuss the possible options.

We understand that this week could be a stressful time for the children as it may be the first time they've experienced exam conditions; although we have done all we can to prepare them for this unfamiliar time, some children may respond unexpectedly to the tests. Please ensure your routines at home – bed time, clubs, etc. – remain consistent and don't hesitate to contact the school if your child is seemingly worried or anxious. We will provide calming yet engaging activities for the children to complete when they are not sitting the test and would encourage you to ask your children about their experiences of the whole day, not just the tests, when they return home.

If you have any questions about SATs week, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks

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Head of Schools