

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6 testing and assessments

Dear parents and carers,

Your child's end of Key Stage 2 assessments are almost upon us. Your child, alongside their year group, has worked exceptionally hard to prepare for their assessments; they have completed practice papers, taken part in extra booster sessions and worked hard to remember old and new knowledge. Of course, these tests do not define your child and certainly do not demonstrate any wider talents your child has beyond the areas being tested/assessed. We know we have passionate footballers, talented musicians, wonderful singers, creative artists and well-rounded, chatty and sociable individuals.

The tests and other assessments will enable your child to demonstrate their learning, and support them in their transition to secondary school. We know that many of the secondary schools use these assessments to group the children for some of their learning. We are encouraging the children to do their very best in order to ensure that they start their secondary school education in the best position for themselves.

Over the years, we have found that inviting the year 6 children in early on the week of the testing helps to ease some of the anxieties the children have. We will have breakfast items ready for them to enjoy (toast, cereal bars) if they would like. Your child is invited into school from 8.15am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Here is an overview of the testing schedule, which is set out for all schools across the country:

Monday 8.5.23	Tuesday 9.5.23	Wednesday 10.5.23	Thursday 11.5.23	Friday 12.5.23
Bank Holiday Coronation	<u>Spelling, punctuation and grammar</u> Paper 1	<u>English Reading</u>	<u>Maths</u> Paper 1 – arithmetic	<u>Maths</u> Paper 3 – reasoning
	<u>Spelling, punctuation and grammar</u> Paper 2		<u>Maths</u> Paper 2 - reasoning	

Writing is assessed through a process called 'moderation'. Staff will join other local schools in looking at the writing work produced by your child.

We ask that every child attends school on time during SATs week. Late arrivals may see your child missing the start of the test and adding to their anxieties.

If you'd like more information surrounding the tests, you may find the following link useful:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/05/05/everything-you-need-to-know-about-sats/>

Kind regards,

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