

2 May 2017

Dear Parents/carers

Your child will complete their SATs in the week beginning Monday 8th May. The whole Y6 team have been working really hard to prepare for the tests so ensure that the children are able to confidently demonstrate their knowledge and skills in maths, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. The time table for the tests is set by the Department for Education so all Year 6 children across the country will complete their SATs at the same time:

Date	Activity
Monday 8 May 2017	English reading
Tuesday 9 May 2017	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 11 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Schools are provided with clear guidance about what we are allowed to do to support pupils during the tests. We ensure that all adults involved are trained and I oversee the administration of the tests each day, with a governor observing. The Local Authority may choose to monitor how the tests are administered at some point during the week.

Some children with specific needs may need additional arrangements so that they can take part in the tests e.g. adult readers for papers other than the reading test. Access arrangements may also be needed; these are adjustments that can be made to support pupils and they must be based primarily on normal classroom practice. Where necessary we will have made an application to the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) relating to these.

All children must take the test on the day specified; only in very exceptional circumstances will the STA approve a timetable variation. Please therefore ensure that your child attends school each day and arrives promptly.

We do everything we can to reduce the potential stress that some children feel in the lead up to SATs but if you do feel that your child is unduly worried then please talk to their class teacher so they can help to reassure. Please also help your child by ensuring that they get a good night's sleep before each test and that they have a healthy breakfast to start the day.

If you have any questions about SATs then please ask your child's class teacher or speak to me or Mrs Fisk in the playground before or after school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Sansom.
Headteacher