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Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: National Curriculum tests at the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

As we start the Summer Term, I have included below some key information about the end of Key Stage 2 assessment process taking place in May. KS2 SATS (Year 6 Pupils) will be administered throughout the week of 9th to 12th May 2023. The dates are set by the Standards and Testing Agency and will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th May 2023 - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 - 45 mins

Tuesday 9th May 2023 - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 2 - 20 mins

Wednesday 10th May 2023 - English Reading - 60 minutes

Thursday 11th May 2023 - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) - 30 minutes

Thursday 11th May 2023 - Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) - 40 minutes

Friday 12th May 2023 - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) - 40 minutes

Please remember, that the SATs tests are not something that you or your child should be worrying about. These statutory tests are one of many tools' schools use to assess your child.

What can parents do to help their children prepare for SATs?

Let us reassure you, that we have been working incredibly hard to prepare your children for their SATs tests and are confident that they are ready to do their best. There may be some parents worrying about what they can do to help their children, but our most important piece of advice, is to not put them under any pressure with regard to these tests.

The tests are predominantly used as part of a transition package for Secondary Schools. However, this information is supported by Teacher Assessments and a range of other contextual information. Often, Secondary Schools will conduct their own baselines when the child starts in Year 7 to inform their groupings. So please remember, that if your child does not get the results you had hoped for, it really isn't the end of the world.

During the SATs week, try to avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring. Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days and stay positive. Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that taking SATs give Year 6. It is important that the children attend every test on the day that they are scheduled.

The Department for Education has produced a helpful [video](#) for parents and carers.

If you have any further questions please speak with your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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