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Dear Parents,

## End of Key Stage 2 SATs

Pupils in Year 6 will be taking their Statutory Assessments Tests during the week of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) are designed to assess your child's knowledge of the **Key Stage 2 national curriculum**. The exams test children's understanding of what they have learned during the second stage of primary school, in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (ages 7–11).

SATs are compulsory at state primary schools in England.

The testing timetable is as below:

Year 6 SATs 2023 schedule			
<b>Tuesday 9th May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPAG Test (Grammar and Punctuation) 45 minutes</li><li>• SPAG Test (Spelling) 20 minutes</li></ul> 20-word aural test	<b>Wednesday 10th May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading Test 60 minutes</li></ul> One paper with questions based on 3 passages	<b>Thursday 11th May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) 30 minutes</li><li>• Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) 40 minutes</li></ul>	<b>Friday 12th May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) 40 minutes</li></ul>

Year 6 are well prepared for their tests with Mrs Hartley supporting them during lesson time and other school staff working with them in after school sessions. Although results are important to the school we prefer to take a casual but 'try your best' approach to the testing.

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The DfE introduced SATs in May 2013 and the results are used by the government to review the quality of education at schools across the country.

Some secondary schools use Year 6 SATs results to help group students into sets or streams. Being confident and prepared for SATs will in turn help your child to enter Year 7 in a high set.

Results for these tests will be available to school on Tuesday 11 July 2023. We will let the children know individually of their results on that day and send home a paper copy that night.

We understand that some children will find it a stressful experience as it is the first time we work with children under strict 'exam conditions' and they know they are under a certain amount of pressure to work hard. However, each year we ensure that the children have some downtime during the day and both Mrs Hartley and Mrs Black support the class and individuals as needed.

During the week Y6 children will come to school as normal, in uniform and at their normal time. Please make sure they have a restful sleep the night before and a good breakfast on each day. If possible, keep everything nice and calm on the morning of each test with chaotic family mornings restarting the week after!

If you have any further questions, please get in touch.

Many thanks,

**Mrs Maskell**