

Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know the SATs will be taking place week commencing Monday 14th May. It is a requirement that we keep you informed of the process of the examinations.

All adults involved in the tests are required to read the government produced administration guidance and will sign to say they have done so. Protocol surrounding the tests and the storage of the papers will be adhered to at all times.

Access arrangements and assistance:

- Some children will have their tests administered at a different time to the rest of the cohort. These children are aware of this variation. They will not be allowed to have contact with any children who have already sat the test until they have sat the tests themselves.
- At least two test administrators will be in each room where SATs are being taken.

One of our school governors will be attending a test during the week to ensure the smooth running of the assessments.

Please find below a copy of the timetable for the week:

Date	Test	Length of test
Monday 14 th May	English SPaG test 1	45 minutes
Monday 14 th May	English SPaG test 2 (spelling)	15 minutes (estimated)
Tuesday 15 th May	English reading test	60 minutes
Wednesday 16 th May	Mathematics paper 1: arithmetic	30 minutes
Wednesday 16 th May	Mathematics paper 2: reasoning	40 minutes
Thursday 17 th May	Mathematics paper 2: reasoning	40 minutes

Should you require any further information, as always, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Year 6 teachers. There is also a useful link that has been produced by the DfE for parents: <https://goo.gl/QSFHSI> or you can visit www.gov.uk for further information.

It's important to help children have as positive and constructive an experience as possible. Easier said than done we know, but these steps should help.

Please encourage your child to do their best and as much as possible reduce the anxiety. The children have worked very hard to prepare for these tests and it is most important that we praise them for the effort they have put in. Motivation and encouragement can go a long way to helping your child feel successful.

Try to get your child into a routine in the days leading up to the tests. Get them to bed early and wake them up at reasonably consistent times. If it takes them a while to wake up in the morning,

wake them up earlier than usual every day so that they have extra time on test days to clear their heads; the SATS start fairly early in the morning and you want your child to be completely awake when the test begins.

Please make sure that your child eats a good breakfast during SATS. Studies show children who eat breakfast in the morning perform better at school. It is proven that with breakfast, concentration and memory improves. We will be offering, as well as the usual community breakfast in the hall, pastries and hot chocolate in the community room to Year 6 children from 8:30 Monday to Thursday.

Yours truly,

Kate Glasheen
Assistant Head Teacher

