

Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, the SATs will be taking place next week. It is a requirement that we keep you informed of the process of the tests.

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 will be made aware of this. 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
Tuesday 9 th May	English SPaG test 1	45 minutes
Tuesday 9 th May	English SPaG test 2 (spelling)	15 minutes (estimated)
Wednesday 10 th May	English reading test	60 minutes
Thursday 11 th May	Mathematics paper 1: arithmetic	30 minutes
Thursday 11 th May	Mathematics paper 2: reasoning	40 minutes
Friday 12 th May	Mathematics paper 2: reasoning	40 minutes

As always, should you require any further information 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/QSFHSl> or you can visit www.gov.uk for further information.

It is 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 at the beginning of the school day 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. In addition, we will be offering a special breakfast for the Year 6s, which will consist of pastries, fruit and hot chocolate – this is a treat rather than a whole breakfast, please don't rely on this being the only thing they eat in the morning. This will be available from 8:40 Tuesday to Friday.

Yours truly,

Martha & The Year 6 Team