

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Y4 MTC

We are writing to inform you that your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is a statutory assessment that all Year 4 pupils will undertake this year.

What is the Multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, these can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June. The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's teacher.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, we encourage you to give your child lots of opportunities to practise their times tables through TT Rockstars, hit the button and other maths activities that can be found through the school website.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as we would with all national curriculum assessments. There will be no "pass mark" and no child will "fail" the test. The DfE says the purpose of the check is to help teachers identify which children are falling behind.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the leadership team.

With best wishes



Mr O Phillips
Headteacher

