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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know from previous letters 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 undertake.

We must administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June. However, the following week can be used to administer the check to any pupils who were absent during the first 2 weeks or in case of any delays to the administration of the check due to technical difficulties.

In preparation for this, we held an information session for all Year 4 parents on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and we explained how the process is completed and how you can support your children at home in advance. There was also the opportunity to ask any questions they have about the process. For any parents unable to attend we have attached both the powerpoint used and the DfE parents leaflet giving more information however we would be happy to answer any questions you may have via phone, email or on the yard- please just ask!

#### 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. We will give the children the option of laptop or ipad whichever they are most comfortable using.

#### 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. These include altering the font size and colour and others which can be discussed on an individual basis with parents.

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 don't need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check however as part of usual practice at home, we'd like to encourage you to give your child lots of opportunities to practise their times tables through TT Rockstars and other maths activities that can be found on the attached powerpoint.

At School we also make use of the following online resources:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/>

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 on their record of achievement. Please remember there is no pass mark for the check.

If you have any questions, please contact school FAO Mr Bishop (classteacher), Mr Brooks (maths lead) or myself.

Kind regards

Mrs K Rayner