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Dear Families,

I am sure you will be aware that Year 6 children sit statutory tests at the end of Key Stage Two (SATs). These will be taking place from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May (Monday 8th is a bank holiday).

The week will run as follows:

- Tuesday 9th May – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (two papers with a break in between)
- Wednesday 10th May – Reading
- Thursday 11th May – Maths Paper 1 & 2 (with a break in between)
- Friday 12th May – Maths Paper 3

Tests are held in the mornings. Most children will sit these in their classrooms but some children will have different access arrangements which we have applied for in advance. Tests have to be administered under strict DFE guidance and Year 6 teachers will continue to familiarise the children with the format of the tests so that they are as prepared as possible. We do our absolute best to minimise any pressure that the children may feel and encourage them to always do their best. The papers are marked externally and we receive the results in July. These will be reported to parents at the end of the academic year. Results are also sent to secondary schools.

It is vitally important that children arrive at school on time on each test day. Missing the start of a test or a whole test requires alternative arrangements to be made which are complex and can be difficult for the children. If children are ill, they should stay at home but we do have to arrange for the test to be taken on a different day.

We will be running a special Year 6 breakfast club from Tuesday 2nd May to Friday 12th May and we invite all of the children to attend this, free of charge from 8:00 each morning. The club will be held in the Year 6 classrooms and offers cold breakfast options as well as bacon or sausage baps made by our caterers along with fruit, drinks and other snacks. Children are warmly welcomed to attend as a way to settle in for a busy period in their schooling and to feel relaxed and ready for the tests.

After test week and in to Term 6, we enter a period of time for collecting evidence for teacher assessments of the children's writing, so the curriculum and teaching and learning continues. We also know that this is a vital time to prepare for secondary school and it's very important to us to make sure that we do everything in our power to get the children as prepared and ready as possible for the transition.

If you have any questions or queries regarding SATs, please do get in touch.

Yours Sincerely



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