

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2022**

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the “Multiplication Tables Check”.

### **Here’s what you need to know:**

Under the National Curriculum primary school children are expected to know their all up their times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12x12. As a result, we’ve been preparing the children to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 for quite some time now and this will be a useful checkpoint.

The check itself:

- will take place in the summer term in June over a 3 week period.
- is done online using a computer or tablet
- can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class
- will take no longer than 5 minutes
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question
- there’s no problem solving or division, just simple “ $3 \times 4 = ?$ ” type questions
- during the test, there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.

The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary.

I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a “check” rather than a “test” or “exam” for a reason.

Why do we learn the times tables? In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

I have also enclosed with this letter a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Multiplication Tables Check further and a parents/carer leaflet with some further information about the check. For further information about the Multiplication Tables Check please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

Thank you for your continued support.

