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Dear Parents,

End of KS1 Assessments

As you may have read in our recent Newsletters, 20 – 24 May is KS1 Optional SATS week. All Year 2s in Active Learning Trust schools will complete these assessments. Information for parents can be found [here](#).

In summary, Year 2 children will be sitting six assessments. Our intention is to administer tests in the following order throughout the week, each day, although this may be subject to change depending on access arrangements or timetabling that will always be in the best interests of our children.

Monday 20 May	Arithmetic
Tuesday 21 May	Reasoning
Wednesday 22 May	Reading Paper 1
Thursday 23 May	Reading Paper 2
Friday 24 May	Spelling (20 words) Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

The assessments are informal and are not strictly timed; children will be able to have a drink and 'brain breaks' as needed.

Assessments will be completed in groups with the class teachers and TAs from Shireen. Children will undertake the assessments in familiar learning spaces, primarily their own classroom or the library.

There are access arrangements available for individuals and groups to provide support as needed (this may include 1:1 adult support, questions being read aloud or answers being scribed). If you would like to ask more about access arrangements, please speak to us.

Results will form part of our overall teacher assessments which will be shared with you on End of Year Reports. Here are ways that you can best support your child during assessment week:

- **Attendance**
Please make sure your child is in school **every day**, 20 - 24 May.
- **Readiness to learn**
Children's concentration levels are affected by being tired or hungry so please ensure your child has rested well and eaten a good breakfast every day. Please feel free to send your child with an **additional healthy snack** every day.
- **Reassurance**
These assessments are nothing to worry about. Children are familiar with our termly assessment weeks and practised papers in the same format as the SATS during the spring term. Children are aware that they will have an assessment week at the end of May. We are careful not to make children anxious or put undue pressure on them; we encourage them to do their best and show what they have learnt. We explain to the children that, if they get questions wrong, it simply helps us reflect on what we need to teach them next.

20 - 24 May is also our school Healthy Week. This is fantastic timing for our Year 2s! While they will be undertaking assessments every morning, there will be plenty of enriching opportunities every afternoon for them to learn about keeping their bodies and minds healthy... including outdoor sports, food tasting, mindfulness and more! If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Barber and Mrs Thompson
Shireen Class Teachers