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Dear Parent/Carer

SATs Week

As I am sure you are aware, Year 6 will complete their SATs commencing Monday 13th May 2024 and we will continue to prepare for the tests over the next few weeks, with their English and Maths teachers. All pupils have worked incredibly hard and I am sure they will show just how brilliant they are during that week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your support with the homework that has been set throughout the year; this has helped the pupils to consolidate their understanding, and practise and revisit skills taught throughout Key Stage 2.

The majority of pupils will be sitting their tests either in the Large Hall or classrooms, whilst following all the rigorous procedures and guidelines set out by the Department for Education; we will make these tests as stress free as possible for all pupils. Pupils who have been granted access arrangements will be based in either small groups or 1:1 support with an identified adult.

Some pupils will be allowed 25% extra time on the papers; this includes all pupils with an EHC plan and those who maths and English teachers have raised as having difficulty processing age-related texts. All pupils have now undertaken reading and writing fluency tests and these have been taken into consideration when submitting applications through the government portal. The decision to allow additional time is an external judgement and not the school's. We will email parents separately if your child has been granted access arrangements.

The SATs timetable is as follows:

Date	Time	Paper
Monday 13 th May 2024	Morning	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Morning	English reading
Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Morning	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Morning	Mathematics paper 3

If your child is unwell and cannot come into school on any of the testing days, please could you contact school as early as possible as we can make alternative arrangements for your child to do the test on a different day. If this is the case the school have to submit a timetable variation and follow strict protocols relating to non-contact with others who have already sat the test.

We would be very grateful if you could make sure that your child comes to school with reliable basic equipment: **Black pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, and a protractor.** In addition, if your child normally wears glasses please ensure they have them each day this week. Please also remind your child to bring a reading book every day. Clearly, a prompt start to each test is important so please impress upon the children the need for punctuality when arriving at school.

We have contacted the bus companies and made them aware of the dates, hopefully buses will run on time but please encourage your child to walk promptly from the bus to school. The Year 6 SATs will start as early as possible each day. If your child is absent or delayed getting to school please could you inform us **as soon as possible** as they can take the test at a later time or on a later day, if we request this from the government testing agency.

SATs' results are used nationally as GCSE indicators, so we work with pupils to enable them to do the best they can as they move into the Secondary phase of their education, but they are merely a point in time and test under a very narrow format. They do not test resilience, respect and tolerance or sporting prowess and artistic skills which are highly valued qualities displayed by all of our pupils and which we seek to reward and recognise in other ways. We are very proud of each and every child in Year 6 at Kirkburton Middle School.

Once again thank you for so much for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Martin (Assistant Headteacher)

