

Virtual Assessments



OAKFIELD ACADEMY
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Dear Parent

We are very excited about welcoming back all our pupils to face-to-face learning and we will be in touch later this week following the government's announcement about all pupils returning to the academy from Monday 8th March. We are also extremely aware of how precious the teaching and learning time is when pupils are in school. So that we can plan and adapt our lessons, we have decided to implement a reading and maths assessment virtually before pupils return.

We want to make sure the time in the classroom is productively spent learning new and wonderful aspects of the curriculum and being supported in gaining the confidence and ambition to challenge themselves fully. The reading and maths assessments will provide all teachers with the opportunity assess which areas of the curriculum may need focusing on for pupils but also where the successes lie and how to build on them moving forward. The assessments are bespoke to each year group and will challenge various aspects of each discipline;

Reading

- Literal Comprehension
- Inference
- Analysis
- Vocabulary

Maths

- Number
- Algebra
- Shape and Space
- Probability
- Money
- Co-Ordinates
- Geometry

Each assessment is timed, (Reading 30 mins, Maths 45 mins) and will become progressively more challenging for pupils as they navigate through the questions.

Next Steps

Pupils must join their Google Meet tutor time on 3/3/21;

- Y5&6 8:25-8:35am
- Y7&8 8:35-8:45am

They will be given clear instructions on how to access the assessments and at what time; this will be through a generic link shared on **their tutor google classroom** that they click and then type in their date of birth. The beauty of these assessments is that they are incredibly accessible for all pupils so they will not require any help when taking them. As mentioned they are timed so when the time is up they must click END TEST to submit their work. Those who are currently receiving face-to-face teaching in school will also be undertaking the assessments using the same facilities at the academy so there is consistency across all pupils. If your child has headphones, please ensure they bring them to school on Wednesday 3rd March, thank you.

The most important thing to remember is that assessments are about identifying what is going well, and how to further improve and be brilliant in that subject area. It is about showing ambition throughout the process, and pride upon completion.

There is a video [here](#) that has more information for yourselves and your child about the assessments. The rest of the day will be devoted to a variety of wellbeing and personal development activities shared via the tutor group Google Classroom; a chance to step away from the screen and take part in some more hands-on pursuits, maybe even preparing for World Book Day on 4/3/21!

If you feel that you would like to keep your child home to complete these assessments and take part in the wellbeing activities please email via the head of year email address by **1:00pm, 1/3/21**.

IMPORTANT: Due to the latest operating system updates impacting iPads with iOS 13/14, we temporarily recommend taking the assessments on desktops or laptops only. For guidance on how to find the software version on your iPad, [click here](#)

If you have any questions do please let us know

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