



# SCISSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## SATs Week

As I am sure you are aware, Year 6 will complete their SATs commencing Monday 13 May 2024 and will have some time to prepare for those tests during the week before, with their English and Maths teachers. All pupils have worked incredibly hard and we are sure they will show just how brilliant they are during that week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their 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.

Pupils will be sitting their tests either in the hall or in classrooms with English and Maths teachers, 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 will get the opportunity to sit a practice paper in the room they will complete their actual SATs in.

Some pupils will be allowed 25% extra time on the papers; this includes all pupils with an EHC plan and any pupils who have a writing speed of less than 10 words per minute and/or may have difficulty reading an age-appropriate text aloud and fluently at the speed of 90 words per minute without making any errors. All pupils have been assessed for these and applications have been made where necessary. Testing took place earlier this year and evidence was submitted to the DFE in line with seven different set criteria. Access arrangements can only be granted after receiving the response from the DFE; recommendations from diagnosis letters do not apply in this instance. We will email parents / carers separately in the next few days if your child has met the threshold for access arrangements to be implemented during the SATs.

The SATs timetable is as follows:

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

We would be 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 he/she has them each day this week. Please remind your child to bring a reading book every day.



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Clearly, a prompt start to each test is important so please impress upon the children the need for punctuality when arriving at 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 Scissett Middle School.

Once again thank you so much for your support.

Yours sincerely

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