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Dear Parents,

As a result of school closures during the coronavirus lockdowns English primary school pupils did not take their 2020 SATs tests or SATs 2021 as they were cancelled. In a shift back to normality, the SATs 2022 **will be going ahead as usual for Year 2 and Year 6**. Below you will find some general information outlining what the SATs are, when they will take place and what you can do to help prepare your child.

What are SATs?

The SATs are a series of standardised assessments for Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) pupils, aimed at testing their learning progress.

When are SATs 2022?

The dates for the KS2 SATs will run over a one-week period between **Monday 9th May 2022 – Thursday 12th May 2022**. Over this period, pupils will sit 6 different tests, with English taking place at the beginning of the week and maths at the end. **It is imperative that your child attends school on these days.**

- **Monday May 9th 2022:** Spelling, punctuation and grammar (Grammar/Punctuation Test) – 45 minutes
- **Monday May 9th 2022:** Spelling, punctuation and grammar (Spelling Test) – 20 minutes
- **Tuesday May 10th 2022:** Reading Test – 60 minutes
- **Wednesday May 11th 2022:** Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) – 30 minutes
- **Wednesday May 11th 2022:** Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes
- **Thursday May 12th 2022:** Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes

What will children be tested on in their 2022 SATs?

Of course we all wish we knew the answer to this question! KS2 SATs consists of 6 papers which test the knowledge and skills children have acquired throughout their time here at school. The tests do not just test Year 6 content, but also concepts and learning from previous year groups. All of these test papers are sat within time restrictions (see above) and then sent to be marked externally. In addition, Writing will use teacher assessment where we will use the children's writing throughout the year to provide us with an outcome in the Summer.

How can I support my child to prepare for the SATs?

You probably have already noticed that we have started our SATs preparation already with the children completing practice papers as part of their homework. Please take the time to sit down and work through these with your child. We do not want to put additional pressure on the children, but want to make sure they are prepared to do their very best so taking the time to become familiar with what a test looks like and how long they should spend on a particular question will ultimately help them come May. We will work through the test papers here in school too. This way we can identify areas the children need a little more support and guidance with. This year we have also bought into a program called Learning By Question (<https://www.lbq.org/>). This allows us to set a SATs paper or some further revision online and then review common misconceptions with the children. All Year 6 children know how to access this using the codes we will provide.

Will there be a SATs parent workshop?

Yes, there will. We would like to invite you to a SATs based parent workshop from 9:15am to 10:45am on Monday 7th March. This will give you the opportunity to work with your child looking at some of the key skills needed to access the papers. It also gives us a chance to explain the process further and gives you a chance to ask any questions.

We would be grateful if you could complete the reply slip below by Monday the 28th February indicating if a parent or adult will be available to support your child for this, so that we can prepare numbers. Unfortunately, we ask that just one parent or adult attends please.

With thanks

The Year 6 team

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Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop Monday 7th March 2022 (9:15am)

I will/will not (please circle) be attending the SATs workshop at 9:15am on Monday 7th March?

Child's name: _____ Date: _____