

# Multiplication Tables Check 2023 for children in Year 4



## What is the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check)?

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies (including free schools) in England.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

Schools must administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 5 June and Friday 16 June 2023.

Schools can use the following week, Monday 19 June to Friday 23 June, to administer the check to any pupils who were absent during the first 2 weeks or in case of any delays to the administration of the check due to technical difficulties.

## How and when will school be administering the check?

We will be administering the check week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. We will then catch up with anyone absent the following week.

The children will be taken in groups to complete the check – we have complete flexibility over how we choose to do this.

We can take children in very small groups or on a one to one basis if we feel this is appropriate.

There will be two teachers with the children while the test is administered. Teachers are not allowed to offer any help at all but can obviously offer encouragement and prompt children to keep trying.

In order to alleviate any anxiety we will not be telling the children when we plan to administer the actual test.

Test conditions will be adhered to.

## What will it look like for the children?

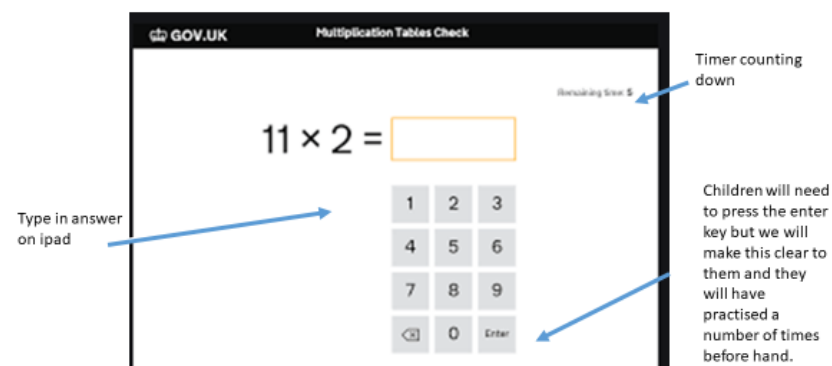
The test is made up of 3 practice questions and 25 test questions.

The children are given 6 seconds to answer each question.

The test is administered on an iPad by accessing the government website for the test.

Each child has a unique log in to complete the test, this log in confirms their personal details with them before they proceed (name, school and date of birth)

## What the test looks like to the children



The children will type in their answers on the onscreen keypad.

## **Will the children have chance to practice?**

Yes, there is a 'try it out' aspect to the test where in the weeks/days leading up to the test the children can try the test out without it actually recording their test score.

The try it out emulates the actual test exactly and allows the children the chance to get a feel for what the actual test will be like.

It will give them chance to get used to the keypad and 6 second timer.

## **What experience do school have with administering the check?**

We took part in the 2019 pilot before the test was due to be statutory in 2020 however the test wasn't administered in 2020 due to the pandemic.

In 2021 schools were allowed to choose whether they took part in the check, which we chose to.

Last year in 2022, the test became statutory for all schools and we took part in the first statutory Multiplication check.

## **What can parents do to help?**

Keep practicing times tables at home for speed and fluency .

Go on Times Table Rockstars every night for practice.

Play other times table games online such as 'Hit the button' or this game on Maths Frame which imitates the check:

[https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/  
Multiplication-Tables-Check](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check)

## **Where can parents get more information?**

Visit the government website for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

## **Is there is pass or fail mark?**

No, there is no pass or fail mark. The test is designed to help schools provide appropriate support to those children needing further support with their times table knowlegde.

## **How and when will parents receive information regarding scores?**

When you receive your child's end of year report you will receive a transcript of their score.

## **What if parents have further questions regarding the check?**

If you have any further questions please email the school office or Mrs Craven:

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