



Multiplication tables check information for parents

What is the purpose of the multiplication check?

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, these can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June. The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's teacher and Mrs Corley.

Preparing for the check in school

Schools will have unlimited access to a try it out area. We can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support required to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

Preparing for the check at home

A good way to prepare is build a daily routine practising times tables. With regular practise you will learn all the questions and gain confidence. There is an emphasis on the 6,7,8,9 and 12 times tables as these have been determined to be the most difficult multiplication tables.

Useful websites

Times tables - Trail multiplication tables check and games to support learning of the times tables. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Maths Frame – trail multiplication tables check

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Times Tables Rock Stars – Sound check area is designed specifically in order to support the Year 4 multiplication tables check

Top Marks- Hit the button – Interactive maths game with quick fire questions

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

When will the check take place?

The test will be taken in June. There is no set date on which all schools have to sit it, just a period of time of 3 weeks, in which the test must be completed in.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass or fail mark for the check.