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Headteacher: Ms Anne Kyle

11th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Subject: Mock Exams - Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Assessments or “SATs” 2024

As you are probably aware, at the end of primary school, children undertake national curriculum tests in Maths and English. These are called the *National Curriculum Key Stage 2 Assessments or “SATs”*, as they take place when a child reaches the end of Key Stage 2 (the end of Year 6).

As a school, we continually assess pupil progress and must make recommendations regarding entry to the KS2 examinations based on a pupil's current working grade. To support this assessment process and to give pupils the opportunity to experience the exam environment we will be holding a **mock exam** week. This will also act as exam technique preparation for completing a full set of STA KS2 SATs past papers within the week reflecting the official exam process in May supported by exam invigilators.

These are the only times the examination can take place, so it is vital that your child is in school. Pupils must be in school for no later than 8.45am so a calm and prompt start can be made to the exam. The school bus service will run as normal and as such there is no need to make alternative arrangements.

| Date & Time | Test & Paper |
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| Monday 29 th January 2024 | English - Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation Paper 1 English - Spelling Paper 2 |
| Tuesday 30 th January 2024 | English - Reading - Paper 3 |
| Wednesday 31 st January 2024 | Mathematics – Arithmetic - Paper 1 Mathematics – Reasoning - Paper 2 |
| Thursday 1 st February 2024 | Mathematics – Reasoning - Paper 3 |

DfE Guidance and Information for Parents/Carers is to be published in April 2024 and will be sent to you once released.

Please contact myself or Nicola Laughton Deputy Headteacher at school, if you have any queries or questions about the mock exam tests.

Yours sincerely

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