



Tuesday 11th May 2021

Dear Year 4 parents,

Re: Year 4 multiplication tables check

In 2020, the government introduced a new statutory multiplication check for Year 4 pupils. However, due to the pandemic, this test did not take place. The statutory test will now take place next year (2022) and will be administered online to assess whether pupils are able to fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12, through 25 timed questions.

As your child is currently in Year 4, they will not sit the statutory test next year (as they will be in Year 5) but we are going to take part in an optional test this academic year so that we can familiarise ourselves with the check before it becomes a statutory assessment in 2022. The benefit of us taking part in the optional test is that it will encourage the children to be more fluent with their times tables so that they can apply them into all the different areas of maths that are introduced during Years 5 and 6. Having fluent times table knowledge will benefit them greatly during their years in Upper Key Stage 2.

The pilot test will take place from Monday 7th June to Friday 25th June 2021. The children will be taken out with an adult to complete their test on an iPad. It only lasts around 5 minutes and results will not be published publicly.

If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Salter, Miss Cook and Miss Constable