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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the government recently introduced a times table test called the 'Multiplication Check' for pupils in year 4, to be taken in June each year. The assessment is mandatory for all schools in England.

Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 2,5 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 2, their 3,4 and 8 times tables by the end of year 3 and all tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.

The check itself:

- will take place in the summer term in June over a two-week period from Monday 1st June 2026;
- is done online using a chromebook or tablet;
- can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class;
- will take no longer than 5 minutes;
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question;
- there's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions;

The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in Praising Stars 6.

I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

Practise at home

We will need your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:

- learning the multiplication tables set weekly as homework.
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- Using TT Rockstars 5 minutes per day.
- https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/pinpoint/#/ this website is really useful.
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

For further information about these tests please visit:
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check

Thank you for your continued support.

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Principal