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Dear Parent/Carer,

All Year 4 pupils will be taking the statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) for the first time, in **June** this year (**please do not book any holidays during this period**).

The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify pupils who may need additional support.

What is the MTC?

The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check, and 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 a number of accessibility features available in MTC to assist children with special educational needs and disabilities. These were developed with schools and pupils to ensure they do not disadvantage children that require additional support.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No. You do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. Teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child, as they would with spelling.

In terms of preparing pupils for the on-screen nature of the MTC, schools will have access to a 'try it out' area from 23 March. They will be able to use this to familiarise pupils with the check, and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

Schools will be able to view their results once all participating pupils have taken the check. The school will then share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments.

Do not worry if your child is not working at the expected standard.

It is important to remember that these results will help teachers identify where your child may need extra help.

Yours faithfully
Mrs A Dixon - Headteacher

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