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Dear Parents/Carers,

KS1 Assessment Information

In 2014 the Government introduced a new National Curriculum which is more rigorous and sets high expectations which all schools have had to work hard to meet since the beginning of last year. Schools are required to assess children in Year 2 to judge whether they have met the new expected standards. This assessment is done through regular ongoing assessments as well as using tests set by the Government. The content and format of the end of Key Stage 1 SATs papers have been changed in light of the new curriculum and your child will be amongst the first pupils to take the new tests.

Children in Year 2 will complete tests in the following areas:

- Reading
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths

Key Stage 1 reading

The new reading test will involve two separate papers:

- Paper 1 consists of a selection of text with questions interspersed
- Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages. Children will write their answers in a separate booklet

Key stage 1 grammar, spelling and punctuation (For internal assessment)

The new Key Stage 1 papers in grammar, spelling and punctuation test will comprise two papers:

- Paper 1: a 20-word spelling test
- Paper 2: a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test. This will involve a mixture of selecting the right answers e.g. through multiple choice and writing short answers.

Key Stage 1 maths

The new Key Stage 1 maths test will comprise two papers:

- Paper 1: arithmetic
- Paper 2: mathematical fluency, problem-solving and reasoning. There will be a variety of question types: multiple choice, matching, true/false, constrained (e.g. completing a chart or table; drawing a shape) and less constrained (e.g. where children have to show or explain their method).

Children **will not** be able to use any tools such as calculators or number lines.





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None of the above papers are strictly timed and teachers will have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

When will the KS1 SATs take place?

All schools must ensure that the new-style KS1 SATs are administered in May 2016. In our school we feel that it is important that the children do not become overly worried or anxious about these tests and therefore we take the following measures.

- we do not label them as 'tests' or tell the children they are doing exams
- we familiarise the children with the layout and types of questions throughout the school year
- we always ask and expect the children to try their best in all that they do
- we do not tell the children when the formal tests will take place

How will the tests be marked?

Although the tests are set externally, they will be marked by teachers within the school. Instead of the old national curriculum levels, children will be given a standardised score. This score will inform you whether your child is working at the expected level.

How you can support your child

- If despite our best efforts your child does seem anxious please reassure them and also let us know so that we can provide some additional support
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance and is punctual
- Make sure your child sleeps well and has a hearty breakfast before school

More information

If you would like to look at sample papers they are available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-2016-sample-materials>

If you have any questions about the information above then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Year 2 Team

