



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer

KS2 SATs

Please find below some information about the End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments.

As many of you will be aware, at the end of Key Stage 2, Year 6, all children across the UK take their Statutory Assessment Tests, also known as SATs. This year, these tests will be administered in the week beginning 9th May. The results from these tests are used to assess where pupils are academically at the end of their primary careers and this information will be sent to you at the end of Term 6. Writing assessments are completed differently (see below for details).

So what does this mean for my child?

Throughout the year we have been exposing the children to the SATs type questions. This is nothing new to them whatsoever and in fact, something that many of the children seem to enjoy! During the week of testing the majority of the children will remain in their classroom with their class teacher and familiar adults. The tables will be separated and a maximum of two children will be at each table. Again, this is something that the children are used to as we have adopted this style during all assessment periods this year and also in response to the pandemic. Each morning the children will complete one test, either a Maths or a Reading test. The rest of the day will continue as normal e.g. Foundation subjects.

How will their performance in test week affect individual outcomes?

In Key Stage 2, the end of year outcome is based on the outcome of these assessments in Reading, Grammar and Spelling and Maths. At Parent Consultation meetings your child's current attainment will have already been shared with you, however, if for any reason you have any concerns then please don't hesitate to ask.

Why isn't there a Writing test?

As Writing is a build up of skills that are applied in various contexts, it is impossible to ascertain a child's writing ability through just one piece of written work. Therefore, your child's class teacher regularly looks through your child's writing and evidences what they see against set criteria.

We also attend regular moderation, both internally and externally, in order to ensure that our



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judgements are secure and in line with other schools. We take with us a range of writing from across a range of subjects e.g. a character description from English, instructions from a scientific experiment or even some comparative writing within RE.

When will I know how well my child has done?

As with any other year, your child's achievements will be shared with you in their final report of the year.

IMPORTANT

Please remember the following points that will support your child:

- A good night's sleep;
- A good healthy breakfast – **all Year 6 pupils are invited to attend school from 8.30am on Tuesday 9th May through to Friday 12th May where breakfast will be provided for pupils** (for free). We hope to see as many pupils there as possible.
- NOT focussing on the tests! Treat next week as a normal week. Ask your child how their day was but let them lead the conversation. If they don't mention the assessments then don't feel the need to ask them about it. For our children, these tests are simply part of our normal teaching so they are not threatening or a big deal!

You are invited to drop in and talk to the Year 6 Team about the upcoming Standard Assessment Tests on **Wednesday 26th April at 3:00pm** in the Staff Room. It will be an informal chat, to find out information, ask any questions and have a look at some past papers. We will then be finished in time for the end of the school day

Kind Regards,



Diane Mulley
Head Teacher