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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory assessment in schools, for children in Year 4, administered in the Summer Term 2023. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables (up to 12 x 12) fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help the school to identify pupils who may need additional support.

#### **What does the check involve?**

The MTC is an on-screen, online 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.

The MTC has been designed to be inclusive, which means it is also accessible to children with special educational needs (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL).

#### **What does the check measure?**

The MTC is designed to determine whether Year 4 pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12 x 12. It does not check related division facts.

#### **What do I need to do?**

Please could you ensure that your child regularly logs on to Times Tables Rock Stars to practice their times tables.

In terms of preparing pupils for the on-screen nature of the MTC, the school will have access to a 'try it out' area. We 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 data be used?**

Children will not 'pass' or 'fail' the check; it will provide a snapshot of how fluent they are with multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. Following the check, the performance data will be published. The data from the check will be used at school level to identify pupils who may need additional support and intervention in securing their multiplication facts in Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6).

#### **What feedback will parents receive?**

Children will receive a score out of 25. In June 2023, schools will be able to view pupil results. The school will report individual results to parents or carers as part of end of year school report arrangements.

An information sheet about the MTC is attached to this email.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with the school office.

Best wishes

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