

Friday 25 April 2025

Dear parents,

As you know the children in year 4 will be taking part in a statutory multiplication check between 2nd and 13th June.

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

What is the Multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They 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 several access arrangements available for the check, these can be used to support pupils with specific needs. We will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's class' teacher.

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

As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child. Any extra practice that your child can do at home will really help them to become proficient in their times tables.

- Encourage your child to play Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible. Short daily sessions are best. The soundcheck is very similar to the official multiplication check.

- Quiz your child at home regularly. This could be during dinner or on the journey to school.
- Create flashcards with your child and let them play it with friends and family.
- Chanting their times table is an excellent way to learn from them.

Closer to the time, we have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area which will allow us to make sure pupils have the necessary support required to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. You will receive your child's score in their end of year report.

For further details you can also visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or your child's teacher.

Kind regards

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