



THE MINSTER JUNIOR SCHOOL

*'Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and do good'.
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Dear Year 4 parents,

As many of you would be aware, the Year 4 children will be required to sit a Multiplication Test Check in the Summer Term. This is a statutory test for all Year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools and academies.

This is an online, on-screen, digital assessment to see whether Year 4 pupils can fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12. The test comprises of 25 questions (for example: $6 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$) and the children have 6 seconds to answer each. Additional arrangements will be provided to those pupils who have specific needs, which will be similar to the support these children get in class.

Our children have been learning their times tables in school, as well as at home, and we have been consistently practising these, so that all of them have the best chance of performing well in the test as well as have a secure times-tables knowledge to help them in their Maths learning.

We have been really pleased with the improvement that our children are making in recalling times tables facts and this is being reflected in their improved understanding of other mathematical concepts in class.

We will be conducting the mock test next week so that the children get used to the online format. The real test will be conducted in the second week of June. Please ensure that your child is in school for this week.

If you have any other questions related to this test, please speak with your child's class teacher. Additionally, more information and FAQs about this test from the UK Standards and Testing Agency are shown below:

Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in 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 will also help your child's school 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, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher 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 headteacher.

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. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this 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. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.

Thank you,

The Year 4 Team