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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

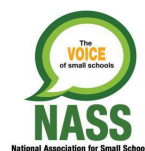
In the first two weeks of June, all eligible Year 4 children in England are required to take the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The MTC determines if Year 4 children can fluently recall their multiplication tables (up to 12 times tables). They are designed to help schools identify which children require more support to learn their times tables. There is no 'pass' rate or threshold which means that, unlike the Phonics Screening Check, children will not be expected to re-sit the check. Each child will be randomly assigned a set of questions. There will only be multiplication questions in the check, not division facts.

How is the check carried out?

The check will be fully digital and carried out at school. Answers will be entered using a keyboard, by pressing digits using a mouse or using an on-screen number pad. Usually, the check will take less than 5 minutes for each child. The children will have 6 seconds from the time the question appears to input their answer. (6 seconds per answer means that children must be able to read, recall and enter their response within that time. Whatever is written in the answer box at the end of 6 seconds will be counted as the answer. There will be a total of 25 questions with a 3 second pause in-between questions.

How best to prepare your child for the MTC

Remind them that the check should last no more than 5 minutes. I would encourage you to help your child with their times tables practice at home and over the holidays. Try to keep it fun. There are many free resources online to help your children. We use 1 minute maths in class, and you can access this here: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/digital-tools?code=gut-gum-yak>





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Other online tools include:

Hit the Button- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
Snappy Maths <http://www.snappymaths.com/multiplication/multiplication.htm>
Time table games: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/games/>
Maths frame: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

If you have any concerns, please talk to your child's teacher. If your child has any concerns, encourage them to talk to a trusted adult (for example, yourself, their teacher).

More information on the MTC can be found

here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDFA_v1.1.pdf

Yours sincerely,

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