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Dear Parent/Carer

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**Re: Year 4 Times Table Check**

You may be aware about the Multiplication Tables Check coming in for year 4 children. This will take place during the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Maths is a big subject and we appreciate there's more to it than times tables and there's more to times tables than learning them off by heart. However, a lot of the rich, interesting maths is all about the multiplicative relationships and these are hard to fully grasp without fluent recall of the tables. For that reason, learning the tables is fundamental – they are a key facilitator to the maths that sits on top of that basic knowledge.

The checks became compulsory in 2020. The results of the test are not published publicly, they're not going to end up on a league table and they're not to worry about. There's no pass or fail, there's just a score out of 25 marks. They're not to be used to compare children, they're for *us* to reflect on so that we make the most of our provision, however you will receive written confirmation of your child's score once they are available.

The checks consist of 25 questions. The questions will only be multiplication and they will go up to 12×12. There's nothing novel about the questions and they don't require problem solving so there's nothing to trip them up. It is a very similar set up to the Sound Check area of the Times Table Rockstar website which your children are already very familiar with.

We will continue to set Times Table Rockstar homework. It is important that your child engages with this at home to support their learning. Time is also given in school on the website as well as other time to put their times table knowledge into practice.

If you have any concerns around your child taking part in the Times Table Check, please speak to Mrs Green or Mr Clarke.

Yours sincerely

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