



9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### **Department For Education Multiplication Check**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following communication last week regarding the multiplication check, please find below further details:

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.

The check itself:

- will take place over a one-week period from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with a catch up week the following week for anyone who may have been absent
- is done online using a computer
- will be done in small groups in the classroom
- will take no longer than 5 minutes
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question
- during the test there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.

The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in a letter.

In order to prepare the children, we have been giving regular access to a 'try it out' area (unfortunately this cannot be accessed from home). This has given opportunities for children to familiarise themselves with the multiplication check and has enabled teachers to use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support required to access the multiplication check.

For further information, please see the attached leaflet from the Standards and Testing Agency.

We are sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding the multiplication check.

Thank you,

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Mr Graves

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