



St Ippolyts C.E. (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the '**Multiplication Tables Check**'. Due to the pandemic, this test was postponed however, will now go ahead as planned in June 2022. It will be administered at school, within a three-week window from June 6th 2022.

Here's what you need to know

Under the national curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4. As a result, we've been preparing the children to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 for quite some time now and this will be a useful checkpoint.

The check

- is done online using a computer or tablet.
- will be done one pupil at a time.
- will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- there's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions.
- 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.

Practice at home

As maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practice the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as "what's 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games – TTRS is provided by school but there are other online games you can access for free
- singing times tables songs – YouTube has a lot of these!

Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

If you require any support with practicing these calculations at home, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

For further information about these tests please visit:

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

Kind regards

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