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Dear parent/carer,

Year 6 SAT results

As you may know the system for reporting the results of this year's SAT papers is different from previous years. The children no longer achieve a level, instead they have a raw score (the number of marks they got in the tests) which is then converted into a standardised score in which 100 represents the 'national standard'. A child can score between 80 and 120 in their score. If your child has scored 100 or above they have achieved the expected standard.

Your child will also be assessed by their class teacher (Teacher Assessment) and this is based on the work they have produced throughout the whole year.

Please note that **only writing** has a category called 'Working at greater depth'. In the other curriculum areas, the highest standard of attainment that can be awarded is 'working at the expected standard'.

The Department for Education has issued the following statement;

The 2016 key stage 2 assessments are the first which assess the new, more challenging national curriculum which was introduced in 2014. New tests and interim frameworks for teacher assessment have been introduced to reflect the revised curriculum. Results are no longer reported as levels, and each pupil will now receive their test results as a scaled score and teacher assessments based on the standards in the interim framework. **53% of pupils reached the new expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics nationally.**

Children sitting key stage 2 tests this year were the first to be taught and assessed under the new national curriculum. The expected standard has been raised and the accountability framework for schools has also changed. These changes mean that the expected standard this year is higher and not comparable with the expected standard used in previous year's statistics. It would therefore be incorrect and misleading to make direct comparisons showing changes over time.

For example, it is wrong to say that 'the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics fell from 80% in 2015 to 53% in 2016'.

In looking over time, all users of the statistics can say at this stage is that '53% of pupils achieved the new expected standard in 2016 when being taught and assessed against the higher standards expected under the new curriculum. Under the previous system, 80% of pupils achieved the standard that was expected under that system'. - Iain Bell DFE

We know that the tests this year were harder and the expectations were much higher. With all this in mind, we are really very proud of all of our pupils in Year 6 and all that they have achieved. They have been an exceptional cohort and they have made stunning progress this year.

We feel they are all 'secondary ready' and we look forward to hearing about their future successes.

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