



11th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) – Week Beginning 14th May 2018

First of all, I would like to thank you for the support that you have given to both your children and the staff at school over the last few weeks in particular as we focussed in more detail on preparation for the SATs tests. It is never easy to have to focus on tests, but while they are statutory requirements, it is our responsibility to help pupils through in as stress free a manner as possible and we can only do this with making sure they know exactly what to expect. The practice SATs a few weeks ago went very well and we were pleased with the lessons we learned and the outcomes for the children, so I am content that all is now in place as the tests begin on Monday. I have provided important information for you within this letter, but please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly via email over the weekend if you have any worries ahead of Monday (jwaring@looeprimary.co.uk)

The testing timetable is set by the Department for Education and cannot be varied. The tests will all take place in the morning and are as follows:

Date	Test
Monday 14th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 15th May	English reading
Wednesday 16th May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 17th May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

How you can support each day:

- Please aim to have your child in school by **8.00am** each day. If they cannot arrive at that time, do not worry. However, we will provide breakfast at that point: toast, fruit and juice/water. Mr Smith and Mrs Gribben will use the time to provide a 'warm-up' for the test and to cover key concepts that are likely to arise in the test each day. From experience, this is the best way to help the pupils to settle and focus.
- If your child cannot be in school for 8.00am, please ensure that they are here by **8.45am** at the latest. If you know they are going to be late, or if you have a problem, please let us know as soon as possible from 8.00am onwards and especially if your child is ill or cannot attend. Please ring **01503 262172** (do not email please). We are required to do all that we can to enable a pupil to take a test and we have the option to provide an alternative on the same day. However, to do this we have to follow strict procedure, so it is important that we know in order to respond in the right time frame.
- The pupils will move to their test room at 9.05am and the tests will begin at **9.15am**.
- We will provide all necessary equipment. However, your child may bring a **clear** water bottle, and if they are likely to need tissues etc. please help by providing these.



- While the tests are taking place, the rest of school will be quiet and break time will not start until the tests are over, although we only expect there to be a short delay.
- We will build extra breaks in to the day for your children on the days where they have two tests.

On Thursday, once the tests are over, we will have an extended lunch time for the Year 6 pupils and the afternoon will be spent having fun with some outdoor activities. We will be providing a 'barbeque' style lunch (but cooked in the kitchen), with a few added extras, but if your child would like to bring in any other suitable food that does not contain nuts, please feel free to supply these. Please do not send drinks or sweets.

The majority of the pupils are calm and/or excited and feel prepared for the tests; but we will do all that we can to make sure that all goes well for them; they have coped very well so far. A good night's sleep and lots of reassurance will also help at home. Thank you in advance for your support and once the tests are over, while the learning will continue, we will also have fun and some treats throughout their remaining weeks with us to ensure that we give them the best possible send off to their new schools.

Here we go!

Yours sincerely,

J. Waring

Janine Waring
Head Teacher