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## Year 4 Statutory Multiplication Tables Check

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to give you more information about the Multiplication Tables Check that the government are introducing for all year 4 children this academic year. The Multiplication Tables Check will be taken towards the end of Year 4 in June. This test will be mandatory for all children starting Year 4 in September 2019- which is your child!

Schools have a three-week window in the month of June for the children to sit the test. However, we will be free to choose which day within that three-week period the children will sit the test. All state schools in England, including maintained schools, special schools, academies and free schools will be required to enter their children for the Multiplication Tables Check. The test will be taken on a laptop at school.

The Multiplication Tables Check will be timed, with the entire assessment lasting approximately 5 minutes in total. The children will be set a handful of practice questions to begin with – mostly from the one times table. Following the practice questions, the test itself will comprise of 25 questions. Children will be given six seconds to answer each of the questions, with a three second blank gap between each question. The questions will be randomly selected by the testing programme from 121 different options, ranging from  $2 \times 2 =$  up to  $12 \times 12$ . The test's software has been programmed to show children more questions from the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, as these are trickier times tables focused on more in Years 3 and 4. (The 2s, 5s and 10s are more of a focus in Years 1 and 2).

At The Avenue, we have purchased 10ticks which has plenty of games to help the children to practise their x tables. At school, the children will also have opportunities each week to complete a replica style test on the laptops. This means that they will be very familiar with the style and format of the test. We will monitor how they are progressing and put in extra support if necessary. Your child has their own login to 10ticks. Please encourage them to play the different games to sharpen their times table knowledge. There will be laptops set up outside the classrooms on parents' evening. Your child can show you how they log on and use 10ticks.

If you have any questions, please come and see either myself or Miss Hurley. Thank you for continued support,

Mrs Savva (Year 3 & 4 Department Leader)

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