

Information for parents:

Multiplication tables check for pupils in

Year four



What is the MTC?

- Year four pupils will be taking the statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) in June this year.
- The purpose of the test is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12 x 12, which is essential for future success in Mathematics.
- An on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions.
- Your child will have practised these in school throughout the year before they take the test.
- Your child will answer 3 practise questions before moving onto the official test.
- They will have 6 seconds to answer each times table question.
- On average the test should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What if my child cannot access the test?

- If you have any concerns before the times table check, you should contact your child's head teacher or class teacher.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child?

- You do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child. Regular practise of multiplication recall is sufficient and this may be set as homework from your child's class teacher.
- In terms of preparing children for the on-screen nature of MTC, schools will have access to a range of resources to familiarise pupils with this. Children will have regular practise in school time.

How will the results be used?

- Schools will be able to view the results once all participating pupils have taken the check.
- Schools will share the results with parents as they would with any other national curriculum assessments.
- Statistics on MTC data will be reported to the local authority
- These results will help teachers identify where your child may need extra help.
- If you have any questions about your child's results and what support they may need, you should speak to your child's class teacher.