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Dear parents and carers,

New Multiplication Tables Check

The government has recently released an Assessment Framework for the Multiplication Tables Check which will be compulsory in 2020 for Year Four, and as a result we are refining the way in which children are going to assess children in their mental maths tests.

In line with the Assessment Framework, children will need to be able to recall a fact from the multiplication tables within **six seconds**. Therefore, to prepare children for this check, from now on, we are going to orally assess children to recall multiplication tables out of order within six seconds. Up to now, children have been filling in a sheet with the key multiplication facts on it. With the new oral method, we will ensure that children are fully prepared and equipped to take the new check with the 6 second recall.

When you practise with your child, ensure you time them for a speedy recall of these facts. We advise six seconds per question. The main thing is that children know the times table facts off by heart.

Below is a list of useful and free websites which have interactive times tables games for your child:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/times-tables>

<http://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/games/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/help-with-times-tables/>

Best wishes

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