

# Information for Parents and Carers

## Key Stage 2 SATs 2022-2023

# What does SATs stand for?

Statutory Assessment Tasks and Tests

These are usually taken at the end of Key Stage 1 (at age 6-7) and at the end of Key Stage 2 (at age 10-11).

# What level should children be at?



The children's scores for their Reading, their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, and their Mathematics tests are now converted to scaled scores. Children need to achieve a scaled score of 100 or above to be 'at the expected standard' (EXS).

The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is the same:

- 80 is the lowest possible scaled score
- 120 is the highest possible scaled score

Children scoring between 80 and 99 are said to be 'working towards the expected standard' (WTS). Children scoring 110 or more are said to be at working at 'Greater Depth'.

# How are the children assessed?

For the majority of children there are two sorts of assessments:

- tests
- teacher assessments.

Writing is assessed by teachers, with these judgements moderated within school, across schools within the Venn group, and externally moderated by the Local Education Authority, every few years.

# When do these tests happen?

This year the tests will take place in the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.





# 2023 Test Timetable

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
English, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test Paper 1 – Questions	English Reading Test (60 minute)	Mathematics Paper 1 Arithmetic	Mathematics Paper 3 Reasoning	
English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test Paper 1 - Spellings		Mathematics Paper 2 Reasoning		

# What does teacher assessment involve and is it different from testing?

Teacher assessment draws together everything the teacher or teachers know about a child, including observations, marked work and school assessments.

Teacher assessment is not a 'snapshot' like tests and is therefore more reliable.

There can be a difference between teacher assessment results and test levels.

# What do the tests involve?

# ENGLISH



# Writing

There isn't a writing test.

As mentioned previously, every child's writing level is determined **solely** by teacher assessment.

Teacher assessments are occasionally monitored by the local authority. Last year's moderation had our judgements successfully vindicated and agreed by the external moderation team.

# Reading Comprehension

Children are given a reading booklet containing three sections, and an answer booklet containing a variety of question types, some requiring short answers and some requiring more developed explanations.

The children can refer back to the texts in the reading booklet throughout the test.

A sample section and accompanying questions are available for you to take after this presentation.

# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Paper 1 (45 minutes) contains questions requiring a focus on knowing and applying grammatical terminology with the full range of punctuation and a knowledge of the technical terms in grammar tested.

Paper 2 is the spelling test (20 questions) where patterns and methodologies form the basis of spellings tested.



**Insert a semi-colon in the correct place in the sentence below.**

There are Roman ruins near our village they are being excavated next week.

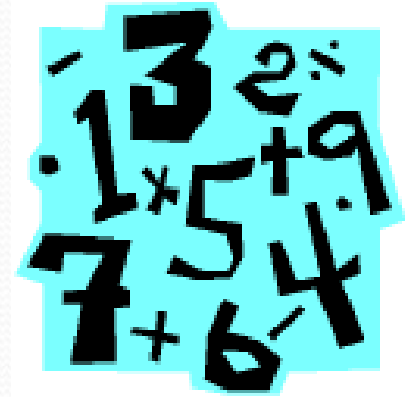
# **Underline the subordinate clause in each sentence below.**


Although it was getting late, Dan still hadn't finished his homework.

If you get hungry, help yourself to a snack.

I really enjoy swimming, despite finding it difficult.

# MATHS





The Mathematics tests:

Paper 1 – Arithmetic (30 minutes/40 marks)

Relatively straightforward calculations which will include all four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages.

Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes/35 marks)

Paper 3 – Reasoning (40 minutes/35 marks)

These papers contain longer, worded questions requiring logical reasoning and more extended calculations.

# How will SATs week be organised?

Each day, the tests will be taken within the morning.

Children sit the tests at the same time.

Test papers can only be opened 1 hour before the tests begin; typically, we will open the actual sealed plastic packets in front of the children.

The local authority monitor a sample of schools each year to check that the tests are being conducted correctly.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL ON THE DAY OF A TEST, PLEASE RING SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY.**



# How can parents/carers help?



Ensure your child arrives at school on test days:

- in good time;
- having had breakfast;
- having gone to bed at a reasonable hour.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO DO THEIR BEST, BUT TRY NOT TO PUT THEM UNDER TOO MUCH PRESSURE.