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Dear Parents/Carers,

KS 1 SATS

As you know, our year 2 children will be taking the National Curriculum tests (SATs) this year. They are statutory tests that all schools are obliged to administer, and they **must** take place in **May 2018**.

The children in Year 2 will take part in the following tests:

Subject	Test paper
English Reading	2 papers: Short text and questions; Longer text with separate questions
Mathematics	2 papers: Arithmetic; Mathematical Reasoning

The tests are not strictly timed and we will work hard to ensure that the children do not feel stressed or worried about the tests. They will take place over the course of the week within the classroom and within smaller group rooms around school and will be administered by the year 2 teachers and their teaching assistants, all of whom know the children in year 2 well. Here at Coleham, we administer the tests in exactly the same way that assessments have been done throughout the year: that is to say, that the children are **not put under pressure** to perform and that they should not even notice anything different to a normal assessment situation. A lot has been said in recent years about the undue stress and anxiety being generated by these tests, but here at Coleham, our approach minimises, or even prevents, that becoming an issue.

It is important to note that the tests are **not** the sole marker of your child's ability in a subject: they only help to inform our teacher assessments, which are based on independent work produced over time in class. We will send out the outcomes of these assessments in July with the end of year report.

As mentioned, the tests **must be completed during May 2018**. There is no definite date for any of the tests, but we have set aside the week beginning **7th May 2018** for the tests to be administered. If possible, it would be extremely useful if you could avoid booking any holidays for that week, to ensure that all the children can complete the tests. If for any reason your child may be absent during that week, there is an opportunity to catch up during the week of the **21st May 2018**.

What assistance is allowed during the reading and maths tests?

When taking the English reading tests, questions are not allowed to be read to individuals or groups of children. When taking the maths tests however, if a pupil requests it, a question may be read to the pupil on a one-to-one basis. However, it is only permissible to read numbers and **not** mathematical symbols.

With all tests, if a child becomes stuck on a question, the year 2 teachers and teaching assistants who are administering the tests, will reassure and remind children to read the question carefully and to move onto the next question if they feel that they cannot answer the question.

If you have any worries, concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Young or Ms Jones and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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