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Dear Parents and Carers,

Kent Test Information 2022

As you are aware, your child is going to be taking the Kent Test on Thursday 8th September. To ensure that everyone is as prepared and as happy as they can be, we just wanted to let you know of the arrangements for the day and what your child can expect.

On the day they may bring with them (providing these items will not act as a distraction):

- a cushion to sit on,
- a stop watch, or timer, if they are used to using one (on silent of course),
- healthy snacks to help keep their mind focused,
- a bottle with water in,
- a small good luck mascot or similar.

On the day of the test, the children should arrive at the normal time of 8:30am, through the bottom gate and go up to their classroom as usual. So that all children are treated equally, we will then provide a small breakfast snack and drink for all the year 6 children; however this should not replace their actual breakfast. Once the registers have been completed and we know that we have everyone, I will take the children who are taking the test into the hall, I shall then explain the order of events for the day in more detail and answer any questions they may have.

For your information, we hold the tests in the school hall, whereby the children will be sat in alphabetical order, in rows, not facing each other. They will be able to see a clock and the start and finish times of each test, plus be given a 10 minute and 5 minute warning. We ensure there is plenty of adult supervision throughout the day so that all children will gain support quickly and effectively if required. The day starts with the English and Maths tests, followed by the reasoning papers, with breaks in between. We then complete the 30 minute writing paper after lunch.

Should your child have been given any special considerations and therefore have slightly different arrangements, then you will be informed by Ms Collin prior to Thursday and your child will have their arrangements fully explained to them before the day. These special arrangements are agreed by the local authority and are purely to ensure that all children have the same opportunities; the decisions are made based on their specific needs which have been previously identified.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact myself, Ms Collin or Mrs Knoupe before Thursday 8th September.

Kind regards,
Jo Hitchmough
Year 6 Class teacher

