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Dear Parents/Carers,

Multiplication Test Check (MTC)

As you may be aware, the government introduced the MTC (Multiplication Test Check) a few years ago and it became statutory last year for all Year 4 pupils to complete this online test during Term 6.

Your child will have been practising their multiplication and related division facts for the past few years and we are writing to let you know that your child will be completing **their online MTC on Wednesday 14th June**. Should they be absent during the day of the test they will be able to complete the test on their return providing they are back in school before Friday 23rd June. As it is computer generated there is **no** requirement for them to avoid contact with other Year 4 children should they be absent.

The test consists of 25 questions related to multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12, and your child will have 6 seconds to answer each question, with a 3 second pause between each question. Your child will have been practising similar online tests for the past few weeks in order to help prepare them for the actual test and also allow for their class teacher to establish any special arrangements that may be necessary. The children will complete their formal online MTC in the Computing room, either in smaller groups or with a 1:1 and can choose to input their answers using the keyboard or mouse.

Should your child have an EHCP or be registered with SEN, or should their learning difficulty or disability be such that it significantly affects their ability to access the check online, or should they have behavioural, emotional or social difficulties or have limited fluency in English, then we can arrange for special arrangements such as:

- colour contrast – the text and background could be changed to yellow on black, black on blue, black on peach or blue on cream
- font size - this can be increased or decreased
- a controlled pause between the next question (rather than a 3 second pause) should the pace of the test disadvantage a pupil or cause them distress; however, they will still only get 30 minutes in total to complete the test.
- removal of on-screen number pad – this can be used to avoid distractions
- input assistance – someone who will enter the answers dictated by the pupil

The above special arrangements will be common classroom practice and will be communicated to you by Tuesday 6th June, via email.

Should you have any further questions, or wish to find out more about the test please use the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-administration-guidance> or contact kroy@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk

Furthermore, please feel free to continue your support with practising the times table facts and related division facts up to 12 x 12 between now and the test date.

Kind Regards

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