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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Year 6 teaching arrangements**

As you will be aware, Year 6 SATs are fast approaching and I now write to you with further information regarding the upcoming months. SATs will take place throughout the week commencing **14<sup>th</sup> May** and the pupils will take the following tests during this week:

- English Punctuation and Grammar – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May
- English Spelling – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May
- English Reading – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May
- Mathematics Arithmetic – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Mathematics Reasoning Paper 1 and 2 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May / Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

It is vitally important that your child is in school every day, on time, during this week.

To support parents further, we will be holding a parent information meeting during term 4, to ensure that you are well-equipped to support your child through these tests – more information will follow at the start of term 4.

Both the teachers and pupils in Year 6 are working extremely hard to ensure that they are well prepared for SATs and the children have just completed a mock SATs assessment to inform the next steps in the teaching. Using the results of these tests, we will now be tailoring our teaching further to meet the needs of our Year 6 pupils and to ensure that any gaps in learning are addressed.

For this reason, the children will be split into different groups for their maths and English teaching (these may vary to their class groups). For term 4 and 5 (up to SATs week), Mr Ware will teach maths to both groups of pupils and Mr Cameron will teach English to both groups. Mrs Hughes' groups will continue. Mr Ware and Mr Cameron will remain as their class teachers however all children will now receive teaching from both teachers, something which we believe to be excellent transition for secondary school.

We hope that you will see the benefits of this approach, however if you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Welch  
Principal

