



# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 Pupils

## KEY STAGE 2 TESTS (SATs)

Please find attached timetable for the Key Stage 2 Tests which take place next week. These are national tests which are administered on the same day to all Year 6 pupils across the country. As Headteacher, I am required to inform you of how these tests will be administered.

All test papers are stored in a secure, locked cupboard. Test packs will be opened in front of the pupils immediately prior to each test.

Pupils will sit the tests in rooms where the seating arrangements allow pupils to work quietly and independently. Our pupils will be split into groups; they are familiar with this working practice. At least two members of staff are present at all times with each group. All staff members involved with the administration of the tests have attended a training meeting.

The majority of pupils are able to complete the tests without a break. However, short rest breaks are appropriate for some children with specific needs. Some children may require 'prompters' to help them access the tests. At all times, strict guidelines are adhered to. Teachers and test administrators must not discuss the content with anyone.

Please note that the guidance stipulates that pupils must not have access to mobile telephones - our normal policy is that these are handed into Mrs Clarke in the School Office on arrival at school each morning. Smart watches must also be removed before the tests begin.

School will be open from 8.30am each morning (Monday to Thursday) as Mrs Naughton will be leading PiXL Fit sessions in the hall. Our tradition of serving croissants and other refreshments in the classroom at 8.45am before the tests will continue.

This information is intended to provide you with an overview of 'SATs Week'. Please remember that our pupils have been working hard throughout their time in school and have been prepared for the expectations of the tests, particularly in Year 6 and with Booster Classes. This preparation also stands them in good stead for their move to secondary school and beyond.



As in previous years, it is really helpful if we ensure our children remain calm and relaxed in the days ahead. We hope your child has an enjoyable weekend (with no homework!) and gets plenty of sleep each night and a good breakfast.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely

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