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Dear Parents

### Key Stage 2 SATs

You will have noticed from the online diary that Year 6 pupils are due to sit the KS2 SATs (Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tasks) during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The tests are marked and moderated on a national basis, which means that each pupil will receive results, easily understood and accepted by any school they happen to attend in the future. The results are also useful to Town Close with regard to monitoring the effectiveness of the School, at least in terms of attainment in mathematics and English.

Note that, for various educational reasons, we have chosen not to enter the children officially for the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test. The test on the timetable, therefore, is unofficial and can be viewed by the children as a useful warm-up for the official tests, which follow in the rest of the week.

The tests are nothing for the children to be unduly concerned about, although, as with all exams, they will obviously want to do their best. They will no doubt be pleased to hear that they will not also be required to sit internal school exams in mathematics in the week before half term and will only have to do the writing part of the English exam during that week! The timetable below should enable you to see what is involved:

### Key Stage 2 SATs Timetable (Year 6) 2019

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test</b>	<b>9am – 10.15am</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>9.00am – 10.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Maths 1 Arithmetic</b>	<b>9.00am - 9.30am</b>
	<b>Maths 2 Reasoning</b>	<b>9.35am - 10.25am</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Maths 3 Reasoning</b>	<b>9am - 9.40am</b>

The tests have to be taken on the dates listed above and, unlike other exams, the pupils are not allowed to sit them at a later date if they are away. Since absence is counted as a failure in official statistics, I would ask you to ensure that your child attends school on these days, if at all possible.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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