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**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you may be aware, your child will be taking part in the Year 4 statutory Multiplication Tables check in June this year. The National Curriculum states that all children should be confident with all times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. Rapid recall of these times tables really gives all children an excellent foundation on which they can build a wide variety of mathematical skills. More information regarding the test can be found in the attached leaflet.

The times table check at St. Michael's will be carried out in small groups on either ipads or laptops depending on the device they find easier and quicker at using. The check will take about 5 minutes. The outcome of the check should inform both us as a school and you as parents as to where each child is in terms of times tables. We can then celebrate together and identify and address any gaps.

**What can you do?**

Please regularly quiz your children on times table recall. There are lots of online apps, card games and puzzles widely available to support children to learn their tables in a fun and engaging way. Crucially, we also ask that you encourage your child to use their online **TTRockstars** account as regularly as possible- it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and is great fun! Children can earn coins and create online Rockstar avatar by battling against one another and taking part in arena tours!

One of the excellent features of **TTRockstars** is the 'Sound Check'. This is an online game set up in the same way as the MTC in June. Practising via 'Sound Check' will help children to prepare for the MTC. Equally, there is an online check available that we have used previously that the children could use too. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

If you have any further questions about the check, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

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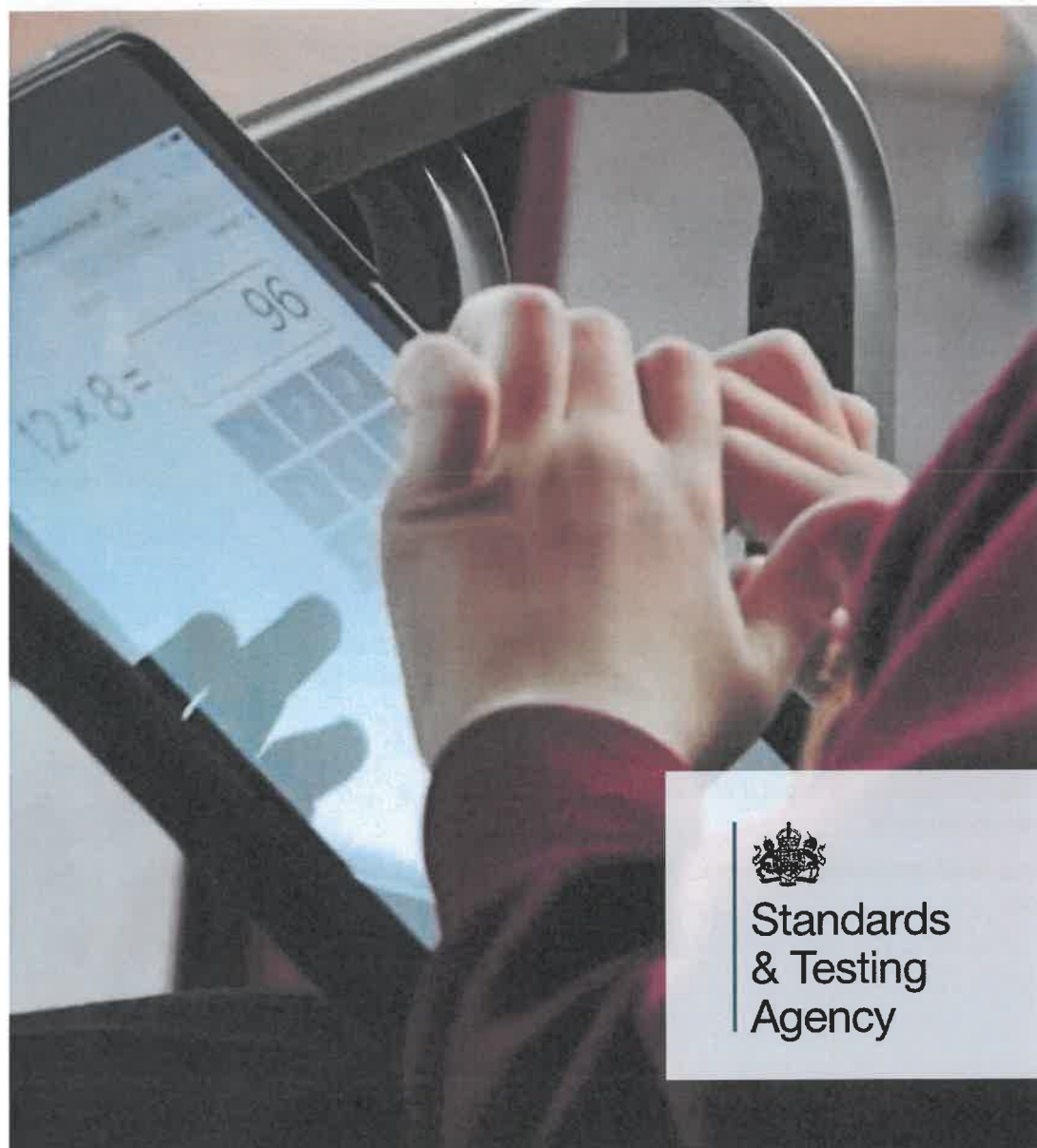
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# Multiplication tables check

## Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

## What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

## What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's school.

## Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

## How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support.

## Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you. There is no pass mark for the check.

## Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the MTC.

For further details you can also visit [www.gov.uk/STA](http://www.gov.uk/STA).

Further information about the personal data we collect, process and store for the MTC is available in the department's [personal information charter](#)<sup>1</sup>.

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