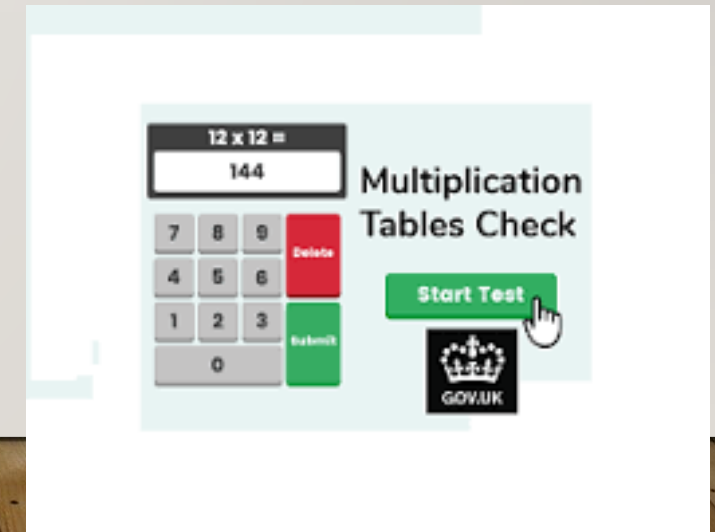




Y4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING





WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TEST?

- Your child will be participating in the **multiplication tables check** 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 us to identify if your child may need additional support.



WHAT IS THE MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK AND WHAT DOES IT COVER?

- 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.
- The check tests knowledge of times tables up to 12. There'll be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 tables because these are considered to be the most difficult.

This table shows the minimum and maximum numbers of questions that'll be included in the check from each times table:

| Multiplication Table | Minimum number of items in each form | Maximum number of items in each form |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 8 | 2 | 4 |
| 9 | 2 | 4 |
| 10 | 0 | 2 |
| 11 | 1 | 3 |
| 12 | 2 | 4 |



WHICH PUPILS TAKE THE TEST?

- **All year 4** pupils should take the check.
- However, a pupil should be exempt from the check. For example, pupils shouldn't take the check if any of the following applies:

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| They're absent during the entire 3-week period the test can take place | They're unable to access the check, even using the range of access arrangements (these can be tested in advance) |
| They're considered unable to answer the easiest questions, or are working below the National Curriculum expectation for year 2 in multiplication tables | They've left the school before the check period |
| They've just arrived in school during the check window, with English as an additional language (EAL), and there's not enough time to establish the standard at which they're working | They are working remotely due to disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic |

- **If your child is disapplied for one of the above reasons, you will be made aware.**



WHAT IF MY CHILD CANNOT ACCESS THE TEST?

- There are several access arrangements available for the check, these can be used to support pupils with specific needs.
- We will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.
- The check has been designed so that it is 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, please do ask.
- Additional time is **not available** for this check (as it's to see if pupils can recall their times tables fluently).



HOW WILL MY CHILD PREPARE?

- Daily times table practise embedded into our maths curriculum.
- All schools gain unlimited access to a ‘try it out’ area from March. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support required 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 CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD AT HOME?

- Reciting and counting in multiples
- Reciting and verbalising times table facts
- Online computer practise e.g. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
- Times Table Rock Stars - <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/69481>
- Type: Multiplication Tables Check into youtube and a range of useful videos are available e.g. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2pv2EJoP6k>
- Online Multiplication Games on Top Marks e.g. Hit the Button - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>





HOW WILL THE RESULTS BE USED AND WILL I RECEIVE FEEDBACK?

- We will have access to all pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified.
- Your child's score will be shared with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments.
- There is no pass mark for the check and children will not be required to resit the test if they get a low score.



FURTHER INFORMATION:

- For further details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.
- Thank you for listening, are there any questions?

