

## **Key Stage Two SATs 2023: Information for parents**

### **What are SATs?**

At the end of Year 6, English school children sit national tests in Reading, Maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). These tests are both set and marked externally, and the results are used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

### **KS2 Reading**

The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have an hour, including reading time, to complete the test. There will be a selection of question types, including:

- Ranking/ordering, for example, 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- Find and copy, e.g. 'Find and copy a word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- Short constructed response, for example: 'What does the bear eat?'

### **KS2 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**

The SPAG test consists of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes. The grammar and punctuation test includes two sub-types of questions:

- Selected response, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives'
- Constructed response, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

### **KS2 Maths**

Children sit three papers in maths: Paper 1 (arithmetic, 30 minutes), Papers 2 and 3 (reasoning, 40 minutes each). Paper 1 consists of fixed response questions (children have to give correct answers to calculations). Papers 2 and 3 involve various question types including multiple choice.

### **Do all children have to take SATs?**

In England, the tests for all seven year olds (KS1 SATs in Y2) will be non-compulsory from September 2023 onwards, but will remain compulsory for 11 year olds (KS2 SATs in Y6).

## How are SATs marked?

Instead of national curriculum levels, children are given scaled scores and details of whether they've reached the expected standard or not. The scaled scores for the KS2 test range between 80 (the lowest possible scaled score) and 120 (the highest possible scaled score). The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. The Department for Education expects at least 65 per cent of Y6 children to reach the expected standard.

## KS2 SATs Timetable

Key Stage 2 SATs will take place nationally in the week commencing 8th May 2023.

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar (45 minutes) Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Reading (60 minutes)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)

## What can you do to help?

There are various SATs preparation workbooks (for example those published by CGP, Letts, etc) available to purchase should you wish to. Websites such as BBC Bitesize are also useful for revision. It is also important that your child completes the weekly homework set by their class teacher to help them prepare for SATs.

During SATs week, it is important that your child arrives at school on time and ready to sit their assessments. In order for children to reach their full potential, it is crucial that they get a good night's sleep and have a nutritious breakfast to prepare them for the day. We are pleased to be able to offer free breakfast club provision for all year 6 children during the week of SATs. This will run between 7:30 and 8:30am each morning.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's class teacher using [contactyear6@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:contactyear6@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk)

Thank you in advance for your support as your children sit their SATs.