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Dear Y4 Parents/Carers

## Multiplication Tables Check

You may be aware that in June 2022 there is a test for all year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check". We thought it would be useful to let you know the background to the checks and how they are administered:

Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4, so we've been preparing pupils to know their times tables for quite some time now and are not concerned about the check at all.

The check itself:

- will take place during the summer term in June.
- is done online using a computer or tablet.
- can be done one student at a time, in groups or as a class.
- will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- There's no problem solving or division just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions.

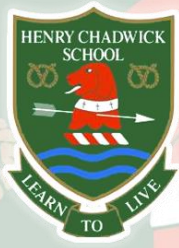
The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. The results are for us to use. We are sure you will agree with us when we say we do not want our pupils worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

Practice at Home: As school is committed to providing the very best education possible for our children, we will of course continue to teach and practise times tables with them. We will also appreciate your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children.

Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as "What's 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables out loud (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games such as TT Rockstars and Maths Frame (<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>) on a regular basis in short bursts
- singing times tables songs (there are many online)
- climbing stairs counting in multiples

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## Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages). Children that have rapid recall of times table facts find many areas of maths much easier than those that don't.

A useful short YouTube video about the Multiplication Tables Check can be found here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJi8NC5iGlo>

In the video it explains which times tables are focused upon more in the check as these tend to be the most challenging ones for pupils. If you have any questions regarding the Multiplication Tables Check, please bring them to the attention of either of us.

With Kind Regards

Sarah Orme and Vicki Barnes

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