



Dear Parent/Guardian, Assalamu alaikum (may peace be upon you),

Key Stage 1 SATs

I hope that you and your family are well.

The pandemic has created considerable challenges for everyone. All children missed out on face-to-face learning during the first lockdown in spring and summer 2020 and some have experienced further disruption in the autumn term that is now drawing to a close.

In school, we have been working hard with your child to help them to catch up on any ground that they have lost and we are very grateful for your ongoing support and cooperation.

The Department for Education has made some changes to test arrangements for Year 2 pupils. The end of Key Stage 1 SATs have been suspended for 2021. This means that the national tests of children's reading, mathematics and English grammar, punctuation and spelling will not take place.

Your child will continue to follow the curriculum and their teacher will assess their achievement.

Next week, your child will be completing their phonics screening test that would normally have been taken in Year 1. (The phonics screening test was cancelled in summer 2020 because of national school closure). The phonics test will be administered again in June for any children who need to retake it.

It is important that your child works hard to achieve their best in Year 2 and to be well prepared for the Key Stage 2 curriculum. Please encourage them to:

- attend school every day (unless required to self-isolate)
- participate fully and actively in online lessons if they are isolating at home
- attend all intervention sessions, one-to-one support that teachers offer
- complete homework on time and to the best of their ability
- continue to read as widely as possible, every day, using their home reading books and also books from the Star Readers series.

Thank you once again for the great support that you have provided to the school over this difficult year as we have all wrestled with the restrictions associated with Covid-19. It is important that everyone continues to observe the rules to minimise the spread of the virus, to safeguard our community and enable our pupils to continue learning.

If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smeena Riaz
Principal