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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: S1 MidYIS Testing – week commencing 16th March 2026

I am writing to provide you with information about a test that your child will be taking shorty. To gain more information about pupils' reasoning and manipulation skills in relation to language, numbers, and symbols, all S1 pupils will be involved in MidYIS testing – Middle Years Information System.

This comprises one test covering 4 areas as indicated below with the test being completed **on-line** by pupils and lasting approximately 45 - 55 minutes.

- Vocabulary - an important predictor for attainment in national qualifications and an important element for all subjects.
- Mathematics - the focus here is on speed and fluency rather than mathematical knowledge. This provides a good predictor of attainment in most subjects.
- Skills – the focus here is on scanning and skimming skills, which are key skills linked to good attainment in national qualifications.
- Non-Verbal – provides a good measure of ability in 3D visualisations, aptitude, and pattern recognition.

The tests are completed online and will take place within our school-based ICT suites within the duration of a single lesson. The vocabulary and mathematics sections are adaptive, so questions will vary depending on previous answers given. This is beneficial as it provides more accurate information on support and improves understanding of individual needs.

The results of these tests feed into our school tracking mechanisms, which staff use to help determine whether pupils are achieving their potential. They provide standardised scores to show how they are doing compared to all other learners taking the same test. Visual attainment profiles will be created for teachers to highlight the significance of individual results and allow predictions of attainment in subject areas. It is not our intention to share the results of the tests with pupils or parents as we view this as an information

gathering exercise rather than an assessment. However, any parent who wishes information about the tests may contact me at the school once the tests have been completed.

These tests will be completed in the digital skills period with Mr Clark, or in the support department with Mrs Forrester, during the week commencing Monday 16th March. Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information about this series of tests.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Libreri
Depute Head Teacher, School Improvement