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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the government has introduced a statutory multiplication tables check (MTC) for Year 4 pupils from June 2020. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is a Year 4 expectation outlined in the National Curriculum.

The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions chosen from the 2 - 12 times tables. Your child will be given 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check, and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. The check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Schools are provided with a 3 week window (8<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June) in order to complete the test and all Year 4 children will complete the test during this time. Individual scores will not be reported to the children at the time of the test however, their results will be included in their end of year reports.

There will be no expected standard threshold (pass mark). The purpose of the check is to help us identify where additional support may be required. School results will not be available nationally or included in performance tables.

The children are well prepared for this check through their daily maths lessons, 50 club, Benhurst Maths Medals, arithmetic homework and the use of the TT Rockstars programme in school. The children will also be able to complete sample on - screen checks in school during the summer term. In addition, we strongly encourage the children to spend time using the TT Rockstars programme at home.

If you have any questions specific to your child relating to the Multiplication check, please speak to your class teacher or contact me via email ([khart@benhurst.havering.sch.uk](mailto:khart@benhurst.havering.sch.uk)). I will also be available for any general questions during both parents evenings.

Yours Sincerely

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