

Dear Parent/Carer,

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Thank you for attending the Parent Workshop about the new national test for year 4 children called the 'Multiplication Tables Check'. Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4. At Iqra, we have been preparing students to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 in a wide range of ways but value your continued support in encouraging pupils to practise regularly at home.

I have attached a copy of the PowerPoint that we shared with parents during the online meeting earlier this week. Please find below a brief summary of the information that you will need to prepare your child.

**The check itself:**

- Will take place in 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 will be no problem solving or division just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions

**Practise at Home:** Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation for a range of website links and resources to help you to support your child. Some easy ways to do this include:

- Asking questions such as "What's 7 x 8?"
- Reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- Using apps and games
- 15 minutes of timetables rock stars practise daily
- 5-minute practise tests daily - <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

**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).

If you have a question or want to offer your thoughts on any of the above, please bring them to the attention of your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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