



Multiplication tables check

Parent Information 2024

Important information about multiplication tables check (MTC)

The MTC assesses if children in Yr4 can fluently recall their multiplication tables.

They are designed to help schools identify which children require more support to learn their times tables.

There is no pass rate or threshold which means that, unlike the Phonics Screening Check, children will not be expected to re-sit the check.

The Department for Education (DfE) will create a report about the overall results of all schools in England, not individual schools.

When will they take place?

Schools must administer the multiplication check within the two week period from Monday 5th June 2023.

There is not set day to administer the check and all children are not expected to take the check at the same time.

All eligible Year 4 children are expected to take the check.

How is the check carried out?

The check is fully digital.

Answers must be entered using a keyboard or an on screen number pad.

Typically the check will take less than five minutes for each child.

The children will have six seconds from the time the question appears to input their answers.

There will be a total of 25 questions with a 3 second pause in-between questions.

There will be three practice questions before the check begins.

The check questions:



Each child has a set of randomly assigned questions.



There will only be multiplication questions – no division facts.



The 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables are more likely to be featured.



Reversal of questions e.g. 8×6 and 6×8 will not be asked in the same check.

The tests are part of the process.

We assess children's multiplication knowledge throughout their time at Woodseaves and work to provide targeted support where needed. Our curriculum is designed to support the learning of key mathematical facts to enable children to reason mathematically.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask Miss French or Mrs Easthope