



# MAYHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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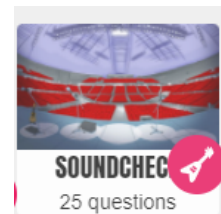
Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that since June 2020 there has been a new 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. So, we've been preparing students to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 for quite some time now.

The check itself will take place at Mayhill on the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and is completed online using an iPad. If a child is absent, they will sit the check once they return to school. The check will take no longer than 5 minutes. It will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question. There's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 =?" style questions.

In a bid to minimise pressure on children, the Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam". As the check is completed on an iPad, we hope children will feel they simply have to give it a go and do their best. We have already been practising answering times tables questions in 6 seconds to familiarise the children with the check. The results will be available to parents in your child's end of year school report.

In order to help your children to work on their times tables, we invest in Times Tables Rock Stars- an app that you'll hopefully be familiar with. Between now and the check date, playing on TTRS as often as possible is the best way to prepare your child for the check. The 'Sound Check' game is an exact replica of the check and allows 6 seconds to answer each question, so is a great way to practise.



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.

The official website offering further details for parents can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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