



THE CARLTON  
JUNIOR ACADEMY™

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Dear Parents/Carers,

From the next academic year (2021/2022) onwards, all state-funded maintained schools and academies (including free schools) in England will be required to administer an online Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) to Year 4 pupils.

The National Curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including  $12 \times 12$  by the end of Year 4.

This year the Multiplication Table Check is voluntary for schools. We have decided to take part in the voluntary Multiplication Table Check for the following reasons:

- To determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.
- To identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

As your child is in Year 4, they will be involved in the check. It will take place between Monday 7 June and Friday 25 June. The check will be administered in small groups on the iPads. There are 25 questions and it should last no longer than 10 minutes. The children are used to the style of the check as they have been using an app on the iPad called Times Table Rockstars which is in the same format. The check will be undertaken in a relaxed atmosphere and it won't feel like a test.

Any time you can give to your child with learning their times tables would really help them with this check. There is a section on the school website which has links to really useful websites that would help your child. You will find this information in the About Us – Curriculum – Year 4 Multiplication Check – part of the website. There is also an informative video on there for parents/carers.

<https://www.thecarltonjunioracademy.org.uk/about-us/our-curriculum/#1591621377997-67080567-3100>

If you have any questions about the check, please come in and have a chat with your class teacher or Mrs Hunter/Miss Daly.

Yours sincerely,

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