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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: **CAT Testing for Children in Year 5**

All of the children in Year 5 will be taking part in CAT testing at school during the school week commencing **Monday 23rd March 2026**.

We have used CAT tests in school for the last five years and as the information provided was useful, we have decided to use them again this year.

Unfortunately, the testing system has changed this year so we will need to carry out tests before the end of March 2026.

CAT testing measures each child's

- Verbal Reasoning - the ability to express ideas and reason
- Non-verbal Reasoning - problem-solving using pictures and diagrams
- Spatial Reasoning - the capacity to think and draw conclusions in three dimensions
- Quantitative Reasoning - the ability to use numerical skills to solve problems.

These tests are externally marked and we usually have the results within three weeks of the tests being submitted. We will send your child's results to you as soon as we receive them.

This testing may also enable you to have an idea of how your child might perform in the 11+/Secondary Transfer Test, which takes place in the autumn term of Year 6.

Please note that there is no capacity for additional time for these tests

Yours faithfully

Mr A Haywood
Headteacher

