



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Year 4 Multiplication Table Check

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 4 Children.

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced 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. The Times Table Check has been designed to test this knowledge. The check for our Year 4 children will take place in June 2025 and children will take the check under test conditions, outside the classroom within a small group. The check will be done online and will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

The check is interactive and structured to feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question, with a 3 second pause in between. There's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions.

During the test there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions. The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark.

How to support at home:

Your support at home will help your child to prepare for the check. Some ways to do this include:

- Ensure your child practices their times tables on Times Table Rockstars-the 'Soundcheck' is a very similar platform to the one used in the checker;
- Ask questions such as "what's 7 x 8?" and ensure children answer you within 5 seconds;
- Reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc). Include all times tables from 1 x to 12 x; and
- Use other apps and games such as online Practise Checks online: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> to help develop fluency.
- Listening to Times Table songs online.

For further information about these tests please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

If you have any further questions please contact Mrs Ward.

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