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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you know, all the Year 6 pupils in the country will soon be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (more commonly known as SATs).

The SATs will take place the week commencing **Monday 12th May** in the following order:

Monday 12th May	English Paper 1 – Grammar / Punctuation – 45 minutes English Paper 2 – Spellings – 15 minutes
Tuesday 13th May	English Reading Test – 60 minutes
Wednesday 14th May	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic – 30 minutes Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning – 40 minutes
Thursday 15th May	Maths Paper 3 – Reasoning – 40 minutes

During SATs week, school will be open for Year 6 pupils **from 8:00am** where a snack and a drink will be provided. This is to ensure that children are refreshed, ready and so they have an opportunity to calm any potential nerves. Additionally, this ensures that all our Year 6 pupils are in on time. It is crucial that your child arrives to school on time each day this week as arriving late could impact the organisation of the assessments in school and have a negative impact on your child's ability to focus and complete the assessments to the best of their ability.

At Mount Carmel, we place the focus of our pupil's mental health at the forefront of everything that we do. We want our pupils to have a love of learning and leave Mount Carmel wanting to learn more about God's world with the skills they need to fulfil their dreams. We do not want our children to feel stressed or anxious about SATs; these scores do not define who they are or how valued they are as people. All we ever ask is that they try their best, nobody can ever ask for more. With that in mind, SATs will be arranged in a way that helps to reduce the anxiety of all of our pupils. Children will sit their assessments either in their classroom or in a smaller familiar room so that they

feel as comfortable as possible. Pupils have had the opportunity to practise papers in recent weeks in order to alleviate the stresses of taking the tests. They should see the papers as 'just another one of those – I know how to do this'.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support this year. Please continue to remind your child that all we ask is that they try their best. We know how hard they have worked and we are all very proud of them.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Curran, Mr Stewart and Mr Dalton