



# WITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the SATs fast approaching, we would like to let you know some of the details of the week. The tests will take place each morning. There are no tests on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Each morning we will offer your child toast and a drink (free of charge), and they will have a short revision session before the test to enable them to 'tune in' to the subject. Some children will receive extra time and some may have an individual, familiar adult to support them during a test. The full timetable is as follows:

Date	Session 1-2	Session 3-4
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: short answer questions	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	English reading	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning	

At the recent SATs evening, we discussed the format of the tests and the ways in which, together, we can help the children. If you were unable to attend, you will find a copy of the presentation on the school website, in the Curriculum area, at:  
<http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/key-stage-2-maths-english/>

## Revision

Revision and practice in school is now building steadily and your child will be working on the Rising Stars achieve on-line SATs revision programme as part of the homework and revisiting maths the curriculum in small 'chunks' through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Space revision programme. We will be encouraging children to use the school website to create a revision timetable for themselves and completing the well-being card that will be given to your child to ensure a healthy well-being, enough sleep and plenty of fresh air. Your child can use the online learning resources to help them practise the areas of priority for them.

Please do not allow your child to struggle over anything for too long as this will not help to build their confidence. Children should come to homework club at lunchtime (homework / revision clubs are available every lunchtime) for support if they are stuck on a particular area. The revision package has a great deal of content and we do not expect all children to complete every section.

### Wellbeing

Your child's wellbeing is very important to us, and we are also encouraging the children to take care of themselves. Please support us in limiting screen time before bedtime and ensuring children are getting a sufficient amount of sleep each night. (Up to 10 hours sleep is not unusual for a child of this age.)

Year 6 staff are very pleased to see most children attending school every day. These children really do benefit and this is clear to see from the progress they make. There is no substitute for the children being present for all taught sessions, and so are very grateful in your vigilance in ensuring children are in school.

In addition, we would be grateful if you could supply your child with a nutritious, healthy snack to get them through from break until lunchtime – a couple of pieces of fruit, some malt loaf, a sandwich or toast at break-time club is ideal. Sugary snacks only give temporary boost and typically, children who have had sugary snacks at break-time are often experiencing a 'dip' in energy levels or a headache long before lunch. Plenty of water is also a great way to ensure the children remain focused.

We will shortly be writing to you if your child has been granted extra time by the National Curriculum Authority (NCA). Please do not hesitate to contact us with further inquiries. Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence Crabb', written over a horizontal line.

Lawrence Crabb  
Year 6 Team Leader