

#### What are the SATs?

- SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.
- The SATs take place over four days, starting on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May ending on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May.
- The SATs papers consist of:
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation/ Spelling)
     Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling test) Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May
  - Reading Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May
- Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.

  The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school afterwards.

# When and how the SATs are completed?

- The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions.
- Children are not allowed to talk to each other from the moment the assessments are handed out until they are collected at the end of the test.
- After the tests are completed, the papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- The results are then sent to the school in July.
- For most children, each test lasts no longer than 60 minutes:
  Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation) 45 minutes

  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling) 15 minutes
  - Reading 60 minutes
  - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) 30 minutes
  - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) 40 minutes
  - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) 40 minutes



## Specific arrangements for SATs

Children with additional needs (who have similar support as part of day-to-day learning in school) may be allotted specific arrangements, including:

- Additional (extra) time;
- Tests being opened early to be modified;
- An adult to scribe (write) for them;
- Using word processors independently;
- An adult to read for them (including a translator);
- The use of prompts or rest breaks;
- Arrangements for children who are ill or injured at the time of the tests.

Pupils with an EHCP are automatically allowed up to 25% additional time (except for the spelling paper, which is not strictly timed).

Speak to your child's teacher if you think your child would benefit from additional support during these tests.

## What if my child is ill or late?

- Breakfast is provided in school at 8am.
- ALL PUPILS MUST BE IN SCHOOL BY 8:20am on the four days of the tests.
- If there is an emergency, ring the school to inform us of what time you expect to arrive and bring your child in ASAP.
- They may have to sit the test on their own or not receive a result.
- Check they are genuinely ill and not just nervous.
- Let us know, as we can make arrangements for your child to complete the test and then return home.
- ALL PUPILS MUST BE IN SCHOOL.



#### The results

Tests are marked externally. Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:

- A raw score (total number of marks achieved for each paper);
- A scaled score (see below);
- A judgement on if the National Standard has been met.

After marking each test, the external marker will convert the raw score to a scaled score. Even though the tests are made to the same standard each year, the questions must be different. This means the difficulty of the tests may vary. Scaled scores ensures an accurate comparison of performance over time.

Scaled scores range from 80 to 120.

A scaled score of 100 or more shows the pupil is meeting the National Standard.

- The school has a duty to report the results to:
  - parents/carers,
  - your child's next school,
  - the governing body,
  - the local authority & DfE.





# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar consists of two papers.

- Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (spelling, punctuation and grammar). The paper lasts for 45 minutes.
- Paper 2 consists of a spelling test only. It should take approximately 15 minutes, although this is not a set amount of time (pupils should be given as much time as they need to complete the test).

# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 1

The children will have been working hard with their class teacher on developing and securing their knowledge of the technical vocabulary needed in this test.

#### This test focuses on:

- Grammatical terms/ word classes;
- Functions of sentences;
- Combining words, phrases and clauses;
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency;
- Punctuation;
- Vocabulary;
- Standard English and formality.

This test requires a range of answer types but does not require longer formal answers. Each answer is worth 1 mark.

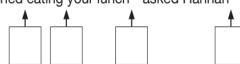


# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 1

• Example questions:

Tick **one** box to show where a **question mark** is needed in the sentence below.

" Have you finished eating your lunch " asked Hannah



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1 mark

Circle the correct **verb form** in each underlined pair to complete the sentences below using **Standard English**.

We was / were going on a school trip to a concert.

The musicians did / done a sound check before the show.

1 mark

43

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The local park is maintained by the council.



# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 2

Paper 2 is a shorter paper that focuses solely on spellings.

Example questions:

#### **Spelling**

- **1.** There was a brave \_\_\_\_\_ in the story.
- 2. The children walked home \_\_\_\_\_ the park.
- **3.** We were \_\_\_\_\_\_ for our hard work.
- 4. I enjoy reading \_\_\_\_\_ stories.

#### 2025 Spelling script

**Spelling 1:** The word is **knight**.

There was a brave **knight** in the story.

The word is **knight**.

**Spelling 2:** The word is **through**.

The children walked home **through** the park.

The word is **through**.

**Spelling 3:** The word is **rewarded**.

We were **rewarded** for our hard work.

The word is rewarded.

**Spelling 4:** The word is **adventure**.

I enjoy reading **adventure** stories.

The word is adventure.



## Reading: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

There is one reading test that lasts for 60 minutes.

The test is designed to measure if the children's comprehension of age-appropriate reading material meets the national standard. There are three different set texts for children to read. These could be any combination of non-fiction, fiction and/or poetry.

The test covers the following areas (known as Content Domains):

- Give/ explain the meaning of words in context;
- Retrieve and record information/ identify key details from fiction and non-fiction;
- Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph;
- Make inferences from the text/ explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text;
- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied;
- Identify/ explain how information/ narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole;
- Identify/ explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases;
- Make comparisons within the text.



The reading SATs paper requires a range of answer styles.

Example questions:

2 An intriguing game

Which word is closest in meaning to intriguing?

#### Tick one.

exciting

popular

challenging

interesting

#### An intriguing game

One day in 2005, Phiona followed her brother Brian to see where he was going. Watching silently, out of view, Phiona saw that Brian had gone to a club where children had gathered to play a game with some small black

and white pieces on a board. She was fascinated by what they were doing.

The game they were playing was chess. It was so unusual in Uganda at that time, there was no word for it in Phiona's language. Despite this, she was determined to play. She walked six kilometres every day to find out how. Within a year, it was clear that she had a special gift.



2	An intriguing	gam
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Which word is closest in meaning to intriguing?

Tick one.

Content domain: 2a – give or explain the meaning of words in context

Award 1 mark for:

exciting

popular

challenging

interesting <a>✓</a>



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#### Example questions:

Look at the whole text.

Tick one box in each row to show what the text tells you about the lights.

	Yes	No
where they are placed		
what colour they are		
how many did not work		
what they are used for		

Qu.	Requirement				Mark						
25	Look at the whole text.										
	Tick <b>one</b> box in each row to show what the text tells you about the lights.										
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction										
	Award 1 mark for all four correct:										
		Yes	No								
	where they are placed	1									
	what colour they are	1									
	how many did not work		1								
	what they are used for		1								

4		
	1	4

'It's just a rock. They're all rocks, you can...'

What made Tom realise that what he was looking at wasn't actually a rock?

Write two things.

1.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2 marks

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
14	'It's just a rock. They're all rocks, you can'	Up to
	What made Tom realise that what he was looking at wasn't actually a rock?	2m
	Write <b>two</b> things.	
	Content domain: 2b – retrieve and record information or identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to any of the following, up to a maximum of 2 marks:	
	1. its colour, e.g.	
	it was a different colour to other rocks	
	• it was red.	
	2. its shape, e.g.	
	it had a different shape to other rocks	
	• it had a shape of a boat	
	curious regular shape	
	• it was a weird shape.	
	3. its texture, e.g.	
	• it was smooth.	
	4. the writing on it, e.g.	
	it had writing on it.	
	Also accept reference to its size, e.g.	
	• it was large.	



Example questions:

3 mark question

What impressions do you get of Tom's and Geoff's personalities?

Write **one** impression for **each** boy, using evidence from the text to support each answer.

	Impression	Evidence
Tom		
Geoff		

with evidence from th	make inferences from the text or explain and justify inferences     text
	wo acceptable points, at least one with evidence. ither two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence. we acceptable point.
	Tom is
Acceptable points (Impression)	Evidence
1. anxious / cautious / a worrier	he peered nervously into the darkness  'What did you do?' he climbed silently into the machine he didn't want to touch the buttons / lights  'What are you doing?' he didn't want Geoff to touch the lights / press the button 'You can't do that!' he stared at his friend in horror 'You don't know what'll happen!' 'At least let's think about it first'
2. sensible / responsible	he didn't want to touch the buttons / lights he didn't want Geoff to touch the lights / press the button 'You can't do that!' 'You don't know what'll happen!' 'At least let's think about it first'
3. curious / interested	he walked towards / went to look at the object he leaned forwards to brush away the dust he wanted to work out what the writing said Tom came round to look he questioned Geoff when the light came on / 'What did you do?' he got into the machine to sit with Geoff
4. observant	he noticed details about the rock     he spotted the writing on the machine     he became aware of a faint humming / inaudible vibration

3 marks

Requirement		Mark
	Geoff is	
AP - Impression	Evidence	
1. adventurous / brave	he climbed into the machine first     he ran a finger cautiously over one of the lights / buttons     'I reckon if you pushed one of these'     he was going to / wanted to press the buttons     there was only one way to really know	
2. reckless / careless	he climbed into the machine first     he ran a finger over one of the lights / buttons     I reckon if you pushed one of these'     he was going to / wanted to press the button     his finger still hovered over the lights     there was only one way to really know	
3. curious / interested	• he walked towards the object • he got into the machine • he wanted to find out what the lights were / did • 'I wonder what it is?' • 'What do you think it is?' • 'What's it for?' • he ran a finger over one of the lights / buttons • 'I wonder if we could find out?' • he stared intently at the surface • 'They're not just lights, are they?' / 'They're buttons, you see?' • 'I reckon if you pushed one of these' • he wanted to press the button / find out what would happen if he pressed the button • his finger hovered over the lights • there was only one way to really know	
4. excitable / enthusiastic / impulsive	he climbed into the machine first     he says 'Wow' when the machine pings     he ran a finger over one of the lights / buttons     'I reckon if you pushed one of these'     his finger hovered over the lights     he was going to / wanted to press the button     he didn't want to listen to Tom / he didn't want to think about it	
5. stubborn	his finger still hovered over the lights reluctantly he sat back and thought about it he didn't want to listen to Tom / he didn't want to think about it he was going to / wanted to press the button even though Tom didn't want him to there was only one way to really know	
6. observant	he became aware of a faint humming / inaudible vibration     stared intently at the surface under his hand     'They're not just lights, are they?' / 'They're buttons, you see?'	

Since the current testing formation for the SATs began in 2016, there has been a tendency for three types of questions to be the most popular.

In the 2025 Reading SATs paper,

- 12% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving giving and explaining the meaning of words in context;
- 30% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving retrieving and recording information or identifying key details from a text;
- 48% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving making inferences from a text and justifying inferences with text evidence.

When reading with your child at home try focusing on these types of questions.



#### KS2 Reading SATs papers analysis by @\_MissieBee

#### % of questions by content domain

'17	'18	'19	'22	'23	'24	'25
20	20	12	10	18	10	12
28	26	42	38	32	38	30
4	6	2	4	2	2	6
44	44	36	44	46	44	48
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# Maths: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

The maths assessments consist of three tests.

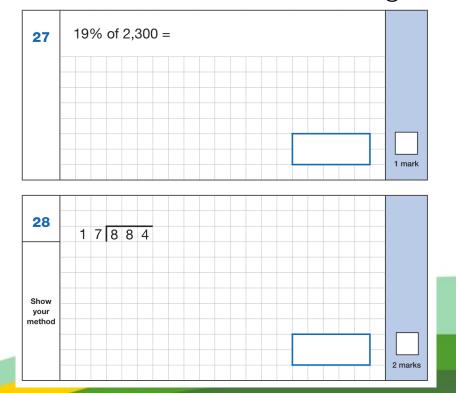
- Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes) Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May
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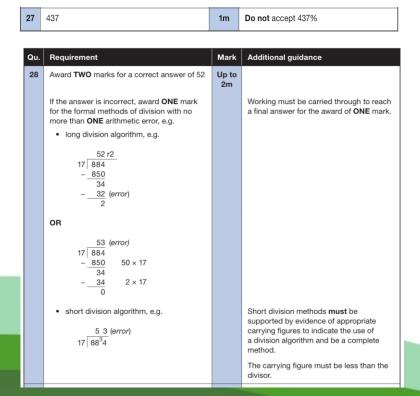


### Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks.

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BIDMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with decimals and fractions.

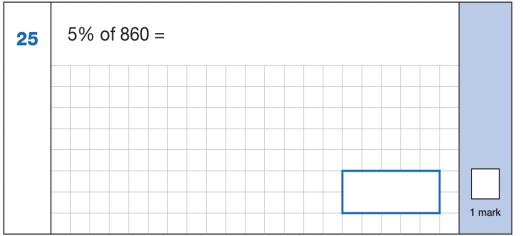


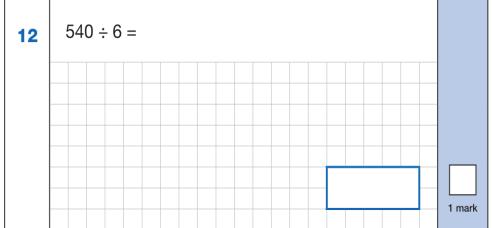


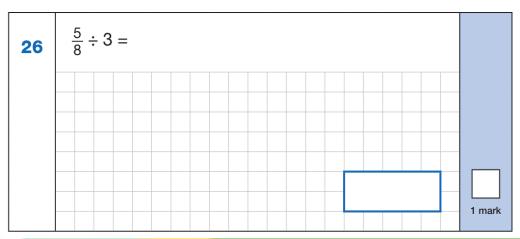


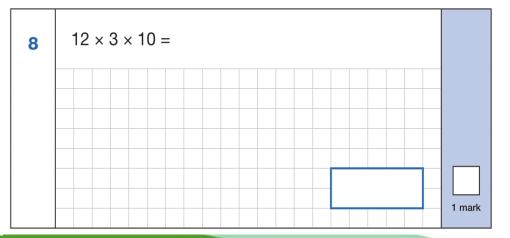
## Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

• Example questions:











# Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

• Example 2 mark questions:

Show your leethod	14	×	6	1	4						
your											

Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
14	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for the correct answer of 19,648	Up to 2m	
	If the answer is incorrect, award <b>ONE</b> mark for the formal method of long multiplication with no more than <b>ONE</b> arithmetic error, e.g.		Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark. <b>Do not</b> award any marks if the error is in the place value, e.g. the omission of the
	• 614 × 32 1228 18420 19640 (error)		zero when multiplying by tens.  614  × 32  1228
	• 614 × 32 1226 (error) 18420		1842 (place value error) 3070
	19646		



# Maths Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning)

Paper 2 will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May and paper 3 will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. These tests have a total of 35 marks each and each paper lasts for 40 minutes.

These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning. They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

- Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- The four operations;
- Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- Statistics;
- Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- Algebra;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.



# Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

• Example questions:

Tick the fractions that are greater than  $\frac{2}{3}$ 

- <u>5</u>
- $\frac{4}{9}$
- $\frac{9}{12}$
- 11 15
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Sophie thinks of two prime numbers.

She adds them together.

Her answer is 24

Write **all** of the different pairs of prime numbers that Sophie could think of.

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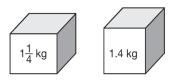
2 marks



# Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

#### • Example question:

16 Here are two boxes.

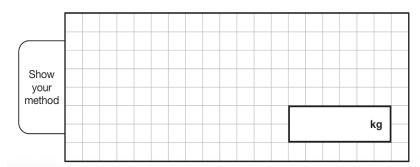


The mass of the first box is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  kilograms.

The mass of the second box is 1.4 kilograms.

#### What is the **difference** in mass of the two boxes?

Give your answer in kilograms.



2 marks

Award **TWO** marks for the correct answer of 0.15

If the answer is incorrect, award **ONE** mark for evidence of an appropriate method, e.g.

• 
$$1\frac{1}{4} = 1.25$$

$$1.4 - 1.25 = 0.25$$
 (error)

OR

• 
$$1\frac{1}{4} \times 1000 = 1250$$

$$1400 - 1250 = 50 (error)$$

 $50 \div 1000$ 

Up to 2m

Accept for **TWO** marks an exact equivalent fraction, e.g.  $\frac{3}{20}$ 

For the award of **TWO** marks, the answer must be in kilograms.

Answer need not be obtained for the award of **ONE** mark.

Award **ONE** mark for an answer of 150

Any conversion of units, fractions or decimals must be a correct method of conversion seen **OR** a correct conversion for the award of **ONE** mark.

Misreads are not allowed.



## Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

• Example questions:

Write these numbers in order, starting with the least.

9 100

0.999

99 100

0.009

least







mark

Award **ONE** mark for the correct order, as shown:

0.009

least

99 0.999

1m Misreads and miscopies are not allowed.

Accept equivalent fractions and exact equivalent decimals.

Accept numbers in reverse order **AND** the label 'least' changed to follow suit.



# Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

• Example question:

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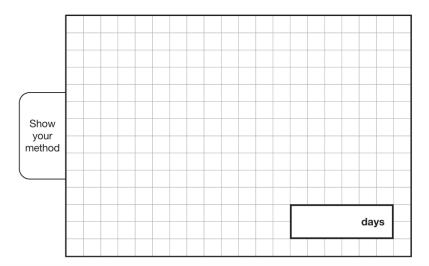
A shop buys 35 boxes of crisps.

Each box contains 48 packets of crisps.



On average, the shop sells 56 packets of crisps each day.

How many days will it take for all of the crisps to be sold?



3 marks

Award THREE marks for the correct answer of 30

If the answer is incorrect, award **TWO** marks for:

 evidence of an appropriate complete method which contains no more than one arithmetic error, e.g.

$$48 \times 35 = 1580$$
 (error)  
 $1580 \div 56 = 28 \text{ r}12$ 

#### Award **ONE** mark for:

 evidence of an appropriate method with more than one error

#### OR

 sight of 1680 (as evidence of the appropriate multiplication step completed correctly).

#### Up to 3m

Any appropriate rounding or truncating of the answer does not negate an appropriate method.

Any answer which does not result from appropriate rounding or truncating implies an additional step not shown.

Any incorrect answer to the pupil's division that is not appropriate rounding or truncating is an error.

Answer need not be obtained for the award of **ONE** mark.

If a pupil's final answer results in a notation error, this is taken as an additional error and only **ONE** mark can be awarded in an appropriate, complete method.

A misread of a number may affect the award of marks. No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread or if the mathematics is simplified.

**TWO** marks will be awarded for an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly.

**ONE** mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method using the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one error.





#### Supporting your child in preparing for the SATs

Firstly, a positive attitude goes a long way. Give them as much encouragement and support as you can (but we don't need to tell you that)!

#### Tips:

- Don't use past papers as they are used in school to prepare the children.
- Attend any SATs meetings at school (or read any literature sent home).
- Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns rather than worry your child.
- Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or a trusted adult (including yourself) about their anxieties. Don't forget that a small amount of anxiety is normal and not harmful.
- Give your child a quiet, distraction free space to complete homework or study.
- Give your child time to go outside and reduce screen time.
- Ensure your child is eating and drinking well and getting a good amount of sleep.
- Plan something nice and fun for the weekends before and after SATs. This will help them to relax before the SATs and give them something to look forward to after.

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- Keep revision light. Going over key skills (times tables, real world mental maths as you are shopping or cooking) is a good way to keep revision light.
- As we said before, avoid using past papers. There are plenty of free or inexpensive SATs practice materials for parents available.



## How will we support your child?

- Targeted teaching and revision sessions in lesson time.
- Targeted revision groups before school (Feb half term SATs)
- Lots of encouragement, within the guidelines, to keep their morale high and support with any anxieties.
- Prior experience of formal test conditions.
- We will provide all stationary and equipment for the test days.
- Tests will be undertaken in classrooms or familiar spaces.
- Tests will be undertaken in small groups as needed.
- Breakfast provided from 8am.
- Readers and/or scribes will be used, when necessary.
- Answer questions, within strict guidelines.



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## Things to remember about SATs

SATs focus on what children know about Maths and English.

They will not reflect how talented they are at science, geography, art, PE..., and they certainly won't highlight all of their amazing personal characteristics.

#### SATs don't tell the whole story.

Their results will say if they did or did not meet a certain standard but not necessarily by what margin. These thresholds change each year according to the overall national performance, so what was classed as 'meeting the expected standard' this year might not be the same as last year.

SATs are only four days out of a whole Primary School career.

In reality, there's one or two papers each day that last 30 to 60 minutes.



# What to do if you are worried about your child

#### Talk to the school

Sometimes concerns present at home and not at school. If you notice a change in your child, talk to the school so that everyone concerned can offer the support needed.

#### Talk to your child

Talk to your child about what aspect of SATs concerns them the most. If you can help them pinpoint what is bothering them the most, you can take specific steps to help reassure them.

#### Encourage your child to talk to their teacher

SATs are obviously linked to school. Don't be surprised if your child would prefer seek reassurance from teachers over family members.

#### Try not to project your own anxieties or views about the SATs

Children can be very intuitive. If they see that you are anxious, this could add to their own anxieties. Similarly, if you don't believe in SATs, your child may reflect this view...

# What to do if you are worried about your child

SATs often induce a certain degree of worry or anxiety but there is, of course, a tipping point.

#### SATs anxiety should not:

- Affect a child's appetite
- Affect a child's sleep
- Affect a child's personality
- Induce panic, tears or disengagement from lessons
- Be a reason not to attend school.

If any of the above are evident, SATs may be causing an excessive degree of anxiety and may benefit from some additional support. This isn't about removing the reality of SATs but rather equipping your 10- or 11-year-old with the ability to better cope with the situation.

# Any questions?



