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Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Assessments at Olveston – The Plan Ahead

I hope the letter overleaf clarifies the action that will be taken by Head Teachers in our local area. I wanted to add further detail to this and highlight the assessments that will take place for your child this year.

Mrs. King and I have spent time talking with the children about the changes to the SATS this year. Mrs. King will still use a test format with the children during normal lesson times as part of her ongoing assessment. These will be in the last week of term and will be within the classroom environment and not in the hall. These tests will underpin teacher judgments and the test **will not** be sent away for external marking. These tests will only form part of a large body of evidence of the children's achievements in English and Maths, giving a very accurate picture of your child's attainment levels. Science will not be tested and is assessed through our Learning Journey Diaries. The end of year results will be moderated (using a wide body of evidence) to ensure consistency of assessments and final results.

All assessment information will be passed onto the secondary schools, ensuring a smooth transition with accurate data of your child's progress in primary school.

The main difference for the children (as the letter states) is that these assessments will be done within the normal positive classroom environment and will not be on set dates and times. This will be in line with all assessments that are carried out across the school three times a year, and the children are used to working in this way. Please be reassured that there will be no disruption to your child's learning. The assessment system in place will allow each child to show their true potential within their normal classroom working environment.

Yours sincerely,

Miss F. Bertham
Head Teacher