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Dear Parent/Carer

2018 SATs Results

Following on from your child's SATs assessments in May, by logging on to your go4schools account you will be able to view the test outcomes via your child's page in the "at a glance section", from 3pm today. You will also be able to view the teacher assessments based on the rigorous criteria published by the government. There is also a key to explain the various codes used to report the results, which may seem quite complicated. In summary:

- Test outcomes are given as a Scaled score between 80 and 120, where:
below 100 represents that your child has not met expected standard (NS)
100+ represents that your child has met expected standard (AS).
- Teacher assessments will also be made using the following codes:
WTS (Working towards expected standard – for Writing ONLY)
HNM (Has not met expected standard)
EXS (Has met expected standard)
GDS (Working at greater depth within the expected standard – for Writing ONLY).

If you feel you would like further clarification, we have published on our website an additional document published by the Department for Education called 'Information for parents: national curriculum assessment results at the end of key stage 2', which can be located via the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/720093/Information_for_parents_assessment_results_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2_WEB..pdf

During your child's learning journey so far, the expectations and have been increased with the demands of the new curriculum that your child has been following, we have been so proud to see our pupils showing determination to succeed and master skills that seemed 'too hard' at first. We have been very impressed by the hard work and positive attitudes with which our Year 6 have approached these challenges and grateful for the support given at home. In the two years they have been with us, many pupils have progressed further than we might have thought possible when they began their journey at Codsall Middle School, in terms of their learning and their personal development, and they deserve hearty congratulations.



We feel it is a great shame that these personal successes are not always reflected in the SATs results, which are a snapshot of a child's performance on a particular day in one school week. Your child's progress has been reflected in their main school report, which is as crucial as the SATs results in terms of their journey in education. It's important to note that no matter what SATs results any child receives, whether they have achieved the expected standard or not, the brilliant learning they have done this year will lay important foundations for future success for the progress they make over a four year journey here at Codsall Middle School.

Ultimately, the scores you receive from the test will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways to show you what makes your child unique. The standard setting agency set the boundaries, but they do not know your child the way we do. Testing does not show all of the amazing things that your child has achieved on a day to day basis during the last two years. These are crucial in developing them as citizens for the future for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life – not just the art of exam-taking. In the words of Aristotle:

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all”.

If you have any questions or concerns about these results, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

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