

St Michael's First
School
Key Stage 2

Multiplication Tables Check

Curriculum Expectations

Under the National Curriculum, it is expected that children know their times tables up to 12×12 by the end of Year 4.



The MTC

Officially announced by the Department of Education in September 2017.

Summer 2020 is the first year that the MTC will be conducted. The check is a statutory requirement for all state maintained schools and academies.



When will the MTC be administered?

The check window opens on Monday 8 June for a 3-week period.

All pupils must complete the check in this 3 week period. It is advised that schools complete the check in the first 2 weeks, saving the final week to deal with any problems that may have arisen.



How Will Scores be Used?

School-level and individual pupil results will be made available to schools. This will be used to allow schools to provide additional support to pupils who require it. We anticipate that Middle Schools will request this data from us as part of their transition data transfer.

School-level results will be made available to selected users, e.g. SCC and Ofsted and the DfE in order to track standards over time.



Administration

Children will be tested using an on-screen check, where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock.

Materials that could provide children with answers will be removed from rooms where the check is to be administered.

The test will last no longer than 5 minutes, and is similar in format to checks that we already undertake.

It will be automatically scored, and results will be available in July.



Administration

Children will have 6 seconds to answer each question in a series of 25 questions.

This allows pupils the time required to demonstrate their quick recall of multiplication tables, whilst limiting pupils' ability to work out answers to the questions.

Each question will be worth one mark and will be presented in the format x =



Administration

Once an answer has been inputted there will be a 3 second pause before the next question is shown.

Children will be given the opportunity to practise answering questions in this format before the official check begins.



Test Content

Questions will be selected from the 121 number facts that make up the multiplication tables from 2 to 12, with a particular focus on the 6,7,8,9 and 12 times tables, as they are considered to be the most challenging.

It is expected that each question will only appear once in any 25-question series and children won't be asked to answer reversals of questions as part of the check.



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