



27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Yr6 Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you will be only too aware, we are now in the final run up to SATs. So far, your children have been amazing and a huge credit to you. They have worked hard, focused intently, and approached the challenge positively and with a great attitude.

Our brilliant and deeply committed staff have been working alongside them every step of the way. It really has been an inspiring team effort.

From here on, I need to ask you for your total support up to and during the SATs testing week that starts on the 8<sup>th</sup> May.

As you know, these tests are statutory. That means they have to be undertaken by all children at this age by law.

Further, full school attendance is a legal requirement at all times of course, but there is particular focus during this period.

Obviously we know that children get ill from time to time. In the run up to and including SATs though I need to ask you to do everything you can to ensure your child is here every day, and that minor colds or tiredness should not result in an absence at this time.

If you need any help with transport during this period please let us know and we will help. We will also have the school minibus on stand-by each morning if there is a last minute travel or attendance problem so that we can come and pick your child up.

What I can promise, is that once your child is here and registered, if we do detect that they are not well enough to be in school we will always put the welfare of your son or daughter first and remove them to the quiet medical bay, and inform you of the situation. We will make an assessment and contact you if they should be collected.

Every year we run a SATs Booster Easter Club during the Easter Holiday. Around half the year group typically attend this. Please do your utmost to send your child. We also know it helps out with childcare for many. It runs from 10am to 2pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April. All children will have work to complete during the holiday, so as always it is best if they come in, do it with staff and peers, then go home to relax the rest of the time.

On the Friday of SATs week there will be a party and rewards for all the children. This is always well earned and although we provide plenty of food for hungry Yr6 students, if any parents would like to send in any snacks, cakes, or extra treats they are always gratefully received and happily consumed!

SATs at Etonbury really is a team effort – students, staff and parents. We are always immensely proud of every child and the support you give us makes an immense difference during this challenging time. Working together, we will ensure the best possible outcomes and experience for your children.

Kindest regards,

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