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S3 National Standardised Assessments

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the Scottish Government's initiative to improve attainment (The National Improvement Framework), all schools are now required to carry out standardised assessments with S3 pupils.

The data gathered from the assessments will be used, alongside other data we collect from a range of activities, to support and enhance your child's learning.

S3 pupils will take three assessments: covering reading, writing and numeracy. No revision or preparation for assessments is necessary and the assessments will be used as part of routine teaching and learning to help teachers understand how well your child is progressing and to plan next steps.

The assessment is structured so that if your child is experiencing difficulty, the questions will get easier, and if your child is doing well, the questions will become more challenging. The assessments are as short as possible and are appropriate for the age of your child. There is no time limit; we do expect however, that the majority of children will complete each assessment in no more than 45 minutes.

Assessments will take place next week in English and Maths classes. Further information about this initiative can be found at the Scottish Government's website:

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>

If you have any further questions about the way in which children's progress is being assessed as part of this initiative, please contact your child's Pastoral Support Teacher.

Kind regards,

Gordon Menzies

Headteacher

