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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Scottish National Standardised Assessments

The Scottish Government has introduced a single, nationally developed set of standardised assessments, designed to reflect the way we deliver education in Scotland, through Curriculum for Excellence. These assessments are expected to replace the variety of existing standardised assessments that local authorities and schools use at the moment.

Ongoing and informal assessment is, and will continue to be, a central part of everyday assessment. Teachers will continue to draw on all of the assessment information available to them, when considering children's progress and planning the next steps in their learning

Scottish National Standardised Assessments focus on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy and are being carried out with all pupils at P1, P4, P7 and S3.

Assessments are completed online and are marked automatically giving teachers immediate feedback to help children progress.

P1 children will take two SNSA assessments: one in literacy and one in numeracy. P4 children will take three SNSA assessments: one in reading, one in writing and one in numeracy. P7 children will take three SNSA assessments: one in reading, one in writing and one in numeracy.

Children do not have to revise or prepare for assessments. The assessments are used as part of routine teaching and learning to help teachers understand how well your child is progressing and to plan next steps.

The system is designed so that if a child is experiencing difficulty, the questions will get easier, and if a child is doing well, the questions will become more challenging. In this way, the assessments establish children's capacity without them having to face lots of questions that are too easy or too hard for them to answer. There is no pass or fail.

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The assessments are as short as possible and are age and stage appropriate. There is no time limit. This is to ensure children do not feel unnecessary time pressure when undertaking the assessments. We do expect, however, that the majority of children will complete each assessment in no more than 45 minutes. Your child will not be expected to take assessments covering reading, writing, and numeracy in one sitting

Scottish National Standardised Assessments data provides additional information to the teacher regarding how your child is progressing in school.

For further information please visit:

www.standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/

In Hyndland Primary, we will be undertaking these assessments throughout Terms 3 and 4, when their teacher feels it is most appropriate for them. If you do not wish your child to undertake the assessments then please inform us in writing.

Kind Regards

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