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Dear Year 6 Parent,

End of Year Assessment for Year 6 Pupils in 2016

I am writing to keep you up-to-date with the end of year assessment procedures for year 6 pupils. You may be aware that there have been several changes to the assessment arrangements for children this year and have read or heard some of the understandable bad press about this year's tests. The staff in school have been working hard to make sure that your child is well-prepared for these changes - in fact, for many children, they won't notice that much has changed.

The biggest change for Year 6 children is that they will face tests which assess the new National Curriculum. These children will only have been taught the new curriculum for just over a year and a half in May, but the tests are set as if they have been taught it for the four years since they were in Year 3. Although this would seem to be unfair, the government has promised to consider how they scale the scores (the "pass mark") to take account of this.

The tests will be carried out during the week of 9th May (a timetable can be found overleaf).

The new assessment expectations are tougher than ever before and the results for a lot of children, across the country, may be below what they may have expected in the previous system. We feel it is vital that children do not have their self-esteem knocked or feel that they haven't done as well as they'd hoped.

At Brockton our priority is that children enjoy their learning and that they achieve the best that they can in order to move confidently on to their next stage of learning. I believe we do this by providing a rich and stimulating learning experience within a nurturing and positive environment. We also value your support, and the best advice we can give would be to play down the importance of the tests, play up the importance of doing your best and offer lots of praise, sleep and a healthy breakfast!

Yours sincerely

S Relph

Miss S H Relph
Headteacher

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Key stage 2 SATS Dates for 2016

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| Monday 9 May | - | English reading test |
| Tuesday 10 May | - | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling |
| | - | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions |
| Wednesday 11 May | - | Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic |
| | - | Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning |
| Thursday 12 May | - | Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning |

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