

Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check Parent Meeting

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Aims

- To understand what the statutory multiplication check (MTC) is
- To find out when the check takes place
- To understand what we are doing in school to prepare for the check
- To share ways in which you support at home
- To highlight the importance of encouraging your children to practise their times tables frequently (with a focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables)

Information for Parents MTC 2023

What is purpose of the check?

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is it?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

When is it?

The children will take the check week commencing the 5th June or week commencing 12th June 2023.

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What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June. The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support required to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified. You will receive the scores in your child's end of year report.

Questions during the check

As you can see, there is an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, as these have been determined to be the most difficult.

In class, we will be focusing on these ones in particular.

Multiplication Table	Minimum number of items in each form	Maximum number of items in each form
1	Not applicable	Not applicable
2	0	2
3	1	3
4	1	3
5	1	3
6	2	4
7	2	4
8	2	4
9	2	4
10	0	2
11	1	3
12	2	4

Maths Frame MTC Check Website

Access here:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

The screenshot shows the 'Multiplication Tables Check' interface. At the top, there is a 'MAIN MENU' button on the left, the title 'Multiplication Tables Check' in red, and a 'Time left: 2' timer on the right. The main display area shows the multiplication problem $3 \times 8 =$ followed by a blue box containing the answer '24'. Below this, there is a large blue play button with a white triangle and the text 'Play game'. To the right of the play button is a numeric keypad with buttons for digits 1-9, 0, and an 'ENTER' button, along with a backspace button. In the bottom left corner, a box displays 'Time allowed: 6 seconds' and 'Tables selected: All'. At the very bottom, it says 'Question 1 of 25' in red and 'MATHSFRAME' in blue.

MAIN MENU **Multiplication Tables Check** Time left: 2

$3 \times 8 =$ 24

Play game

Time allowed: 6 seconds
Tables selected: All

Question 1 of 25 MATHSFRAME

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
⬅	0	ENTER

Other ways to make times tables practise fun at home

- TT Rockstars: <https://ttrackstars.com/>
- Hit the button: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Playing cards
- Multiplication bingo
- Pattern spotting
- Quizzes against family member



Further information

Ms Skeggs will be able to answer any questions about the multiplication tables check.

For further details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.