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## **Re: Meeting Invitation: Discussion on KS1 SATS Guidelines and School Decisions**

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. I am writing to inform you about an important development concerning end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) assessments and to invite you to a meeting where we can discuss this matter and hear your valuable views and concerns.

In June 2023, the Department for Education communicated to schools the decision that end of Key Stage 1 (KS1) assessments are no longer statutory, starting from the academic year 2023 to 2024. The government has revised its guidelines, making these assessments optional for schools.

Our school, under the guidance of our Trust, has chosen to continue developing and providing optional end of KS1 tests. These optional tests cover English reading, English grammar, punctuation, and spelling, as well as mathematics. Furthermore, we will continue to make available the end of KS1 teacher assessment frameworks for optional use.

The primary aim of these optional assessments is to provide schools with access to test papers that can assist in measuring pupil achievement and identifying areas where pupils may require additional support as they transition into Key Stage 2. Additionally, the tests are used to inform teacher assessment judgements as they provide a national benchmark as with all end of year and termly assessments which are standard practice from Early Years to Year 6 (all year groups).

It is important to note that while the government encourages schools to administer the optional tests and teacher assessments, there is no requirement to use these, or report results to parents or local authorities. These assessments will not be utilised for school accountability purposes.

Understanding the significance of this decision and its potential implications for your child's educational journey, we invite you to a meeting where we can discuss these changes and address any



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questions, thoughts, or concerns you may have. Your input is highly valued and will aid us in ensuring that our approach aligns with the best interests of our students and their families.

**Meeting Details:**

Date: Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5pm

Location: Infant Hall

We look forward to your participation and valuable contributions during this meeting. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please feel free to make contact.  
Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Yours faithfully,

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