

Year 4  
Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)  
Parents' Workshop





# What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

- The MTC determines if Year 4 children can **fluently** recall their multiplication tables
- They are designed to help schools identify which children require more support to learn their times tables.
- Schools aim for at least 21 out of 25 in the check. Unlike, the Phonics Check, there is not an option to resit the test.

The Department for Education (DfE) will create a report comparing average scores across the country and within local authorities.



# When will the check take place?

There will be a 2-week window from Monday 1 June 2026 for children to sit the check; there is no set day to administer the check.

All Year 4 children in England are required to take the check.

Children will complete the MTC in a quiet room, either individually or in a small group.



# How is the check is carried out?

The check is **fully digital**, and children can choose whether they want to complete it on an iPad or a laptop.

Usually, the check will take less than **5 minutes** for each child.

- There will be **3 practice questions** before the check begins.
- The children will have **6 seconds** from the time the question appears to input their answer.
- There will be a total of **25 questions** with a **3 second pause** in-between questions.



# Specific arrangements for the check

Some children will be eligible for specific arrangements:

- Colour contrast;
- Font size adjustment;
- 'Next' button (alternative to 3-second pause);
- An adult to input answers;
- Audio version;
- Audible time alert.



# The check questions

- Each child will be **randomly assigned** a set of questions
- There will only be **multiplication** questions in the check, not division facts.
- The 6-, 7-, 8-, 9- and 12-times tables are **more likely** to be asked.
- Reversal of questions (e.g.  $8 \times 6$  and  $6 \times 8$ ) will not be asked in the same check.
- Children will not see their individual results when they complete the check.



# How are we supporting your child in school?

- Daily times table practice (morning work)
- Daily TTRS time
- Explicit teaching of times tables in Maths lessons
- Rolling Numbers
- Mastering Number programme, daily, with flashcards and pictorial representations
- Before school TTRS club.
- Mock checks completed in test conditions



# How can you support your child at home?

- Little and often!
- Focus on tricky times tables (7,8,9,12). Recite, sing, or make flashcards.
- Practice their 'Going for Gold' flashcards
- Attendance and arriving in school on time – most daily practice takes place before 9:15am
- Completion of homework



# It's time to have a practice!

- Complete an example MTC with your child (Soundcheck)
- Enjoy the time playing on TTRS or some of the other times table games we recommend.

1/25 Back

Time left: 4

$8 \times 7 =$

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
C	0	Enter



Thank you for coming. Any questions?

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