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Children's Services

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Scottish National Standardised Assessments – S3 pupils (Oct-Nov 2020)

The Scottish Government introduced national standardised assessments in all Primary and Secondary Schools from session 2017-18. These assessments cover **Reading, Tools for Writing and Numeracy**. An information leaflet is included along with this letter and is also available in the Parents Section of our website.

I wish to reassure you and your child that these assessments are not exams and do not lead to any form of qualification or certification. They are used by teachers as a tool to support the work they do with pupils and guide them in making a judgement about the Level your child has achieved in Literacy and Numeracy. **These assessments do not, on their own, determine that Level.** Teachers will also refer to other assessment evidence from what pupils say, write, make and do, before making this judgement.

While these assessments are not exams, we do appreciate your support in encouraging your child to take them seriously and ensure they give them the effort they deserve. Pupils will be fully briefed and prepared before they take the assessments. Pupils who receive support in class will continue to receive this during the assessments which will be **completed in class** under the supervision of their English or Maths teacher.

We have held back these assessments by a month to allow pupils more time to recover their learning and settle back into the routine of school. They will also be conducted within the limits of our school COVID-19 Risk Assessment.

The assessments will take place in Maths and English classes during **between Thursday 1st October and Monday 30 November**. In English, pupils will complete two Literacy assessments - Reading and Tools for Writing. In Maths, pupils will complete one assessment on Numeracy.

Please refer to the **attached leaflet** for further information. If you still have questions regarding these assessments, please contact me directly at the school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood

Depute Head Teacher

SNSA Co-ordinator



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