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Dear Parent / Guardian,

You will be aware that this year, your son / daughter was not able to complete their SATs and this therefore means that we do not have the same depth of information that we would usually have before they start with us at secondary school.

Fortunately, we do now have access to a series of Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) which we use routinely within the school to build a wider understanding of our pupil's strengths and development areas.

These were first used a year ago alongside the SATs to help us determine the groupings based on ability. They provide an understanding of the ability of the pupils to learn in different ways. Not only do they help us to understand the individual pupil, they also provide us with very useful information to help us tailor our curriculum. There is nothing to revise for, as it is not a knowledge-based assessment, but does include three tests. These will be taken in the week commencing 14th September 2020. Should there be any changes to the groupings as a consequence, then this would be communicated to you.

In addition to the CATs, all year 7 pupils will also be assessed to help us determine their reading ability. To have a wider vocabulary and be able to read fluently are vital in order to access the curriculum and facilitate learning. By completing this assessment, we will gain an understanding of each pupil's ability, providing an opportunity for a targeted approach to support for those who require it.

The final task is the 'Pupil Attitude to Self and School' (PASS) Survey. This allows us to identify those who require additional pastoral support through their answers to questions about how they view themselves and their schooling.

So, as you can see, the next two weeks are going to be a busy time, but all with the intention of getting to know every pupil and providing the platform to reach their potential.

We look forward to what lies ahead and wish you well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R. Featherstone
Deputy Headteacher