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Dear parent/carer

Please find enclosed the KS2 National Curriculum tests for your child. These are based on teacher assessment and 2018 SATs papers. As you will be aware from my previous correspondence there were some issues relating to the moderation processes and subsequent marking of some papers during the SATs. This was discussed with the STA (Standards and Testing Agency) and as a result we worked closely with officers appointed by the STA from Bedford Borough to try to resolve any concerns. The role of the STA is to investigate where there is doubt over the accuracy or correctness of pupils' results or teacher assessments in the national tests.

As a result of a meeting between the STA and the Chief Executive and Director of Education for CMAT it was identified that there were inconsistencies identified for a number of pupils on the English reading and mathematics Paper 3. Consequently, the STA have taken the decision to annul the English Reading paper and maths paper 3 from the overall results for Daubeney Academy in the national tests/league tables. The results for English grammar, punctuation and spelling (SPAG), Mathematics Papers 1 and 2, English Writing and Science have been validated.

The results for all the SATs papers for a majority of pupils has been released by the STA and so the results here have been calculated by taking their raw scores, combining them and then calculating the scaled score which demonstrates whether your child is at, above or working towards the expected standard for their age.

Naturally as an academy we will need to closely examine the reasons behind the inconsistencies for a number of pupils in the reading paper and in one of the three maths papers. The STA does not apportion any blame for maladministration or take part in any disciplinary procedures relating to it. Therefore, CMAT will now undertake an independent investigation into the inconsistencies identified by the STA and address any issues relating to any possible maladministration of the SATs papers and as such it would be inappropriate to offer any further comment at this time.

We understand that this issue may be a concern for parents of children in Year 6, but please be reassured that your children's education and transition to KS3 will not in any way be adversely affected by this issue.

Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to me at the school.

Yours sincerely



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