

Ysgol Gynradd Cwrt Rawlin

Cwrt Rawlin Primary School

3rd May 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The children in Years 2 – 6 are required to sit the National Reading and Numeracy Tests. They will sit their Reading and Mathematical Reasoning Tests in the week beginning 6th May 2019. These are paper based tests and will be carried out in the children’s classrooms.

The maths procedural tests have been moved this year from a paper test to an adaptive, personalised online assessment. The aim of this is to provide a more differentiated experience for the learners and to generate more useful feedback in order to support future learning. These tests will take place in the ICT suite in school with some beginning on the 10th May and the last class finishing on Thursday 23rd May. The Year 6 pupils will have completed their tests before the Storey Arms trip.

Personalised assessments are being phased in over a three-year period, during which time all the paper-based tests will be phased out. No preparation for the assessments is required as pupils have been prepared for these types of questions throughout the year in their English and maths lessons and through literacy and numeracy activities across the curriculum. The information obtained from the assessments is key to allowing us to ensure that the children are supported and challenged appropriately to move their learning forward.

If your child is absent for any test, we will ask them to sit the test on their return to school, if it falls within the test period. We would be very grateful if any planned absence (e.g. dentist or doctor’s appointments) could be avoided during this time. If an absence is unavoidable, please contact the school at your earliest convenience.

We are very aware that sitting the tests can cause stress and anxiety both for the children and yourselves, but please feel assured that we will support the children throughout the tests in a sensitive and caring manner. We hope you all have a restful and fun bank holiday weekend.

Mrs R Davies

Deputy Headteacher