



30<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

Key Stage SAT Tests

You may have heard that the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) has decided, after long deliberation, to campaign to end the SATs system in Primary and Special Schools.

They believe that these 'high stakes' tests damage the educational experience of children in Year 6, and are used to create unreliable league tables that misrepresent the excellent work being done in schools. This then leads to damage being done to the reputation of schools and their leaders, many of whom are members of the NAHT.

**The Headteachers within the Manor Learning Network have discussed these matters and after much deliberation and consultation wish to inform you that Year 6 pupils in our schools will be undertaking the Key Stage 2 tests in English and Maths during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010.**

We would have liked to have undertaken the 2010 tests in our schools and marked them across the Network but this is not possible and therefore in order to have additional information about your child's attainment and progress, the tests will take place.

***We would like to reassure parents that all our staff make every effort to ensure that the children's entitlement to a full and broad curriculum is achieved. We are developing secure and robust tracking of pupil progress so that in the future, SATs will no longer be the keystone, but part of a whole system in which parents and children will be involved.***

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this issue please contact your child's Headteacher through the school office, or by email.

Yours sincerely

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