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Dear Parent

NATIONAL STANDARDISED ASSESSMENTS

As you may be aware, the Scottish Government introduced new, national standardised assessments in aspects of reading, writing and numeracy, for all children in P1, P4, P7 and S3. These are intended to replace the various standardised assessments currently in use in schools across Scotland. The results from the standardised assessments will provide an additional source of nationally consistent information to inform teachers' professional judgement, both when planning next steps and when considering whether Curriculum for Excellence levels have been achieved.

The new national standardised assessments will provide an excellent source of evidence for teachers to use when assessing children's progress. Each assessment will provide an individual, diagnostic report on each child's progress which will supply information to identify strengths and individual learning needs. It is important to recognise, however, that ongoing assessment is, and will continue to be, a central part of everyday learning. Teachers will continue to draw on the full range of assessment activity when considering children's progress and planning the next steps in their learning.

In the coming weeks, pupils in S3 will undertake these national standardised assessments. The results of these assessments will be discussed with your child and next steps planned based on the information gathered.

A leaflet from the Scottish Government is attached to give you some further information regarding this national initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions regarding the national standardised assessments or use the links provided in the attached leaflet.

Yours sincerely

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