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10th October, 2025

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Today, at around 4:00 pm, Buckinghamshire Council will email parents the results of the Secondary Transfer Test (STT).

I know this can be a day of mixed emotions: pride, anticipation and sometimes disappointment. As parents, I fully understand that many of you have invested so much in supporting your children through this process, and we completely understand how important it feels. But I want to remind you, as I have reminded the children, **that this single test does not define them at the age of 10.**

What truly matters is the effort, discipline and kindness they've shown along the way. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and calm determination our pupils who chose to sit the test demonstrated throughout the process, and how they encouraged one another with such kindness and teamwork. Those qualities will take them far beyond any test score.

Understanding the Results and Next Steps

Parents of pupils who do not automatically qualify for grammar school will receive information about the **Selection Review Process (SRP)** on the email you will be sent. This local process allows parents to request a review of the result if they believe there is **strong evidence** that their child underperformed on the day due to **clear, exceptional circumstances**.

The Selection Review Board looks for two key things:

1. **Substantial academic evidence** showing that the pupil is working securely at an exceptionally high level, and;
2. **Exceptional reasons** that explain why the test result does not reflect that ability.

It is important to note that these *exceptional reasons* must be known to the Headteacher before the test for them to be included in the review evidence.

I am also allowed to show you SRP data based on last year's reviews:

STT Score	Percentage of Successful Reviews	STT Score	Percentage of Successful Reviews
110	0%	116	29.2%
111	4.8%	117	34.9%
112	22.2%	118	45.6%
113	15.4%	119	66.9%
114	18.2%	120	77.7%
115	33.9%		

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Our Guidance

At TGMS, we work from the principle that **parents of pupils with scores of 115+** are encouraged to book a meeting with me to discuss whether to pursue a Selection Review. Please get in touch with the school office to arrange this from **Monday morning**, so I can support you in this work, which needs to be completed by half term.

Parents of pupils with slightly lower scores are also very welcome to email me for advice. In all cases, I will aim to be realistic and supportive, balancing the emotional impact on a child/family of waiting for review results in February against the strength of evidence available, giving you my best advice based on many years of experience in this area.

Finally, I know that you will support us in promoting your child's worth, intelligence, and future success extends far beyond a single number. The pupils have shown integrity, effort and kindness throughout this process, qualities that will serve them well whatever the next step may be. I will remind our Year 6 pupils of this before they leave school today, and give them guidance on how to best deal with possible challenging social dynamics in the days ahead, being self-aware, delicate when needed and proud. I'm sure you will help us with this support for them (and each other), too.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Kind regards,

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