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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, your child will sit the Medway Test next week. On Tuesday, the children will take the Extended Writing test. The following day, they will sit the Maths/Non-Verbal Reasoning and Verbal Skills. As they are sitting two tests on this day, they will be given a twenty-minute break between the tests. Therefore, we would encourage you to send an **additional, appropriate drink and snack** in for them to have at this time. On this occasion only, juice is perfectly acceptable, whereas fizzy drinks are not. **We will provide all the equipment** the children will need for each test. The only item children are permitted to take into the test room is a **clear water bottle** filled with water.

It is **essential that your child arrives at school promptly on both days**. Registration for the test starts at **8.50am**. Children arriving after 8.55am and are deemed late and may not be able to take the test. Local authority guidance will need to be sought. We would like the children to meet outside as usual at the normal time. They will need to line up with Mrs Kirk or Miss Odedina depending on the room they have been allocated.

School uniform should be worn as usual. Lunch arrangements will remain unaffected.

All of this information, as well as how the tests will work, will be shared with the children on Friday afternoon.

Below is a link to a useful resource for supporting children in managing exam stress:
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>

Any questions, feel free to email the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs McCormack and Mrs Kirk