Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that Dormansland School has been selected by the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) to be part of the nationally representative sample of schools that will trial new maths assessment materials for assessment at Key Stage 2.

This is a statutory element of the test development process to ensure that questions are set appropriately for children and that the materials are valid, reliable and at the appropriate level of difficulty.

We have now received confirmation that the date for this at Dormansland will be **Wednesday 27th April 2016**. I therefore ask that all children are in school on this day, as per our policy for the week of SATs in May (May 9th – 12th).

The children will be given two mathematics papers:

- **An arithmetic paper** (30 minutes)
- **A reasoning paper** (40 minutes)

They will sit these under the usual test conditions and will have a break in between the two papers. An external administrator from the STA will supervise the tests, working alongside all of the familiar school staff. Apart from the additional member of staff from the STA, all conditions for these papers will be exactly the same as for all other SATs tests the children will sit in May.

These tests will be taken by other schools nationally, who are not part of the representative sample, on Wednesday 11th May. Your children will **not** take any papers on that day during SATs week, and we are currently planning some lovely activities for them to do on that day.

Mr Cook will be sending out a more detailed timetable for the main week of SATs testing immediately after the Easter break.

If you have any further questions, please speak to either Mr Cook or to me before April 27th.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Stokes