



Windsor Park CE Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and effort that all of our students are showing us this term. As I visit lessons to check on learning, I see creative lessons that are exciting our students and really helping them to remember the knowledge and skills they are being taught.

Our year 6 students are working especially hard as we approach SATs in May. They are demonstrating the school's core values of respect, resilience and responsibility in the way they approach tasks and are making great progress in their learning.

However, we know that sometimes, despite their best efforts, there may be incidents and life events outside of their control which could negatively impact their ability to perform to their normal standards in the SATs. To take this into account, the Department for Education allow schools to apply for 'Special Consideration'. This is to recognise events such as bereavement that may impede a student doing their best.

This year the criteria for application includes:

- reason 1 - bereavement involving a family member or close friend, with whom the pupil had frequent contact, within 12 months of the tests.
- reason 2 - the pupil or a close family member is diagnosed with a terminal illness in the 6 months before the tests, or the diagnosis of a terminal illness was made more than 6 months ago but the pupil or family member is approaching end of life at the time of the tests.
- reason 3 - a traumatic incident, or significant change in the pupil's circumstances, occurred at the time of the tests or within the previous 2 weeks.
- reason 4 - the pupil or a close family member has suffered a life changing injury or undergone life changing surgery in the 6 months before the tests.
- reason 5 - a traumatic incident occurred in the 6 months before the tests and there was a related incident at the time of the tests or within the previous 2 weeks.

If you feel that your child may be eligible for an application, please contact school at your earliest convenience.

The Department for Education also require that pupils use their registered legal name when completing SAT papers, so we will ask pupils to comply with this regulation when writing their name on the front of tests. For example a child known in school as 'Lottie' would be required to use the legal name 'Charlotte'.

Kind Regards

Jodie Bailey
Deputy Headteacher

