

02nd October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: CATs Tests

When will they take place?

The CATs tests at Daubeney are scheduled to take place next week (**the week commencing 13th October 2025**). Therefore, it is imperative your child attends school so they can sit the tests at the same time as their peers. In the event your child is unable to attend school on the day their class is sitting a test, the school will make arrangements to enable them to sit the test at an alternative time. However, we always recommend that children sit exams at the same time as their peers because we strongly feel this helps with managing any worry they might have during the test.

What are CATs tests?

CATs tests are Cognitive Ability Tests and are in place to benchmark children's reasoning skills. They consist of three tests which are all taken online. These tests are administered under exam conditions in their classrooms. Your child will be sitting:

- Their verbal reasoning
- Non-verbal reasoning and
- Quantitative reasoning.

Why do they sit them?

All primary schools in Hackney sit the CATs tests. The results are then compiled, and children are put into one of four bands, those simply being **bands A, B, C or D**. The secondary schools in Hackney will then use these bands to ensure that they are taking in a cohort of children with a range of abilities. Each secondary school in Hackney is required to select an equal percentage of children from each band; for example, 25% of their new intake Band A, 25% of their new intake from Band B, example 25% of their new intake Band C and example 25% of their new intake Band D.

Yours sincerely,



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