



## Year 4 multiplication table check or MTC

The purpose of the check is to determine whether children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify pupils who may need additional support. The check is statutory from 2022.

### What is the MTC?

The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practise questions before moving onto the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

### What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for schools to use, and teachers will be able to ensure that these are appropriate for your child prior to the check window in June. There are, however, some circumstances in which it may not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check. If you have any concerns about your child being able to access the MTC, you should talk to your child's teacher.

### Do I need anything to prepare my child for the check?

As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child, as they would with spelling. In terms of preparing pupils for the on-screen nature of the MTC, schools will have access to a 'try it out' area from 22 March. They will be able to use this to familiarise pupils with the check and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

### How will the results be used?

Schools will be able to view their results once all participating pupils have taken the check. Schools will then share each child's score with their parents. Statistics from the MTC may be published on GOV.UK depending on the number of schools that participate. This would be at a local authority and national level to help schools understand how they are performing. School and pupil-level data will not be published.