



Tuesday 7th May 2024

Re: Key Stage 2 SATs Exams: Special consideration

Dear Parents or Carers,

I'd like to start by saying how incredibly proud the School is of all the hard work that the pupils have put into the preparation for their Key Stage 2 SATs. We are all looking forward to next week's exams and to celebrate their efforts.

As part of the testing process schools are able to highlight to the Standards and Testing Agency those pupils whose key stage 2 (KS2) test results may be affected by traumatic circumstances at the time of the tests. It is intended to cover a narrow range of circumstances and is for exceptional cases only.

If a pupil takes the tests and the school determines that the pupil has been affected by extremely distressing circumstances in test week, or the weeks immediately before, we can apply for special consideration in relation to the pupil.

We are able to apply for special consideration where there is evidence that any of the following situations affected the pupil's performance at the time of the tests:

- 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 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 lifechanging 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

I appreciate that the contents of this letter may be upsetting for families who may have experienced any of the above. However, if you feel that your child has been affected by any of the above can you please speak to your child's class teacher sharing the details. I would be grateful if you could do this by Friday 17th May.

Yours Sincerely,

Senior Leadership Team
Leopold Primary School

