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Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

For many years we have been hoping that the draconian assessment systems in place for Year 2s would be abolished and in a strange turn of events, our dreams have come true! The government announced earlier this year that SATs testing for Year 2 children would be optional.

The senior leaders, governors and I have discussed this change and made the decision that we will not be putting our children through the tests. We may still choose to use the testing materials to confirm assessment levels of a small number of children who we feel might be on the cusp of achieving the 'expected standard' in cases where we need further evidence to confirm our judgements, but we will no longer test 'en masse'.

It is of course important to ensure we have a clear picture of the children's attainment in order to plan the next steps in their learning, and to closely track their progress right the way through school. However, in the majority of cases, our skilled and experienced teachers are more than capable of assessing the children without the need for the tests.

I hope you agree this choice heralds a bright day in reducing anxiety levels for our 6 and 7 year olds.

Kindest Regards,  
Mrs G. Harvey

