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Dear Parent/Carer

S3 SNSA – Scottish National Standardised Assessments

During the weeks beginning **Monday 4th** and **Monday 11th December**, all of our S3 pupils at Aboyne Academy will undertake an online baseline assessment, during two periods of their English lessons.

This new system of Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) has been introduced by the Scottish Government and will focus on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

The assessments are completed online and results will be used to help teachers plan the next steps in learning for each child in order to help them make the best possible progress, and also highlight any areas which may require some further support or intervention.

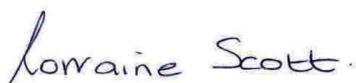
Pupils do not have to revise or prepare for the assessments. They are designed to be used as part of normal learning and teaching and the information they provide will be used in the same way as other assessment information, which arises from day to day classes/lessons.

Pupils will complete a practice assessment on 4th December to get used to the online system and the styles of questions asked. Their Standardised Assessment will take place during the same period, on 11th December. The assessments do not have a time limit attached to them; however, the majority of children will complete the assessment in no more than 45 minutes. If anyone requires more time, then this will be accounted for. The assessments are also designed to be appropriate for use with all children, including those who require additional support.

On our school website, under the Information TAB there is a link to Baseline Testing Information. There you will see a brief Guide for Parents/Carer, which has also been attached to this letter, with some useful information and further links.

If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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