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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **S3 SNSA – Scottish National Standardised Assessments**

We are planning that all our S3 pupils will undertake an online baseline assessment in November 2023. This will take place over three periods taken from time in Maths.

This system of Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) was introduced by the Scottish Government and focuses 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 have an introduction to the style of questions and online platform in an online assembly prior to the start of the assessment period. The assessments do not have a time limit attached to them; the majority of pupils will complete each 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

**Debbie Mercer**  
**Depute Head Teacher**