



26th April 2021

FAO ALL S3 PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parent / Carer,

Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) -Guidance for Parents/Carers

All pupils in third year in Scottish schools will undertake the Scottish National Standardised Assessment (SNSA). The main purpose of these problem solving exercises are to provide information for teachers on how well children are doing in literacy and numeracy and to help guide learning and teaching.

The assessments are also designed to produce national-level information about children and young people's progress for teachers' use in school and the Scottish Government at national level. National level information covers the whole of Scotland and not individual schools.

What will SNSA involve for my child?

- The assessments are completed online and will be automatically marked by the system, providing teachers with immediate feedback. The assessments do not have any pass/fail mark, as results are used to help teachers plan the next steps in learning for each child in order to help them make the best possible progress.
- SNSA is an adaptive system, which means that all pupils are challenged and receive an assessment suited to their ability.
- Children do not have to revise or prepare for the assessments. They are designed to be used as part of normal teaching and learning and the information that they provide will be used in the same way as other assessment information which arises from day to day teaching and learning activities.
- The assessments do not have a time limit, however, the majority of children will complete an assessment in approximately 45 minutes.

Your child will complete these problem solving exercises during week beginning 10 May and will be fully supported by the staff at Cedarbank School.

(See over)



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The Scottish Government has created a dedicated website where you will find more information:

Information for Parents/Carers

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>

Questions and Answers

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If you have any questions regarding the assessments or would like to chat things through please don't hesitate to contact me at Cedarbank School.

Yours sincerely,

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