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Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA)

Dear Parent/Carer

In August 2017 Scottish Government introduced the SNSA, a single, nationally developed set of standardised assessments for aspects of literacy and numeracy, designed to align with the way we deliver education in Scotland through Curriculum for Excellence. All children in P1, P4, P7 and S3 are assessed once a year in aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

The assessments are intended to provide teachers with objective and nationally consistent information on children's progress. They focus on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy. They are completed online and feedback is given which will enable teachers to plan next steps in learning. Children do not have to revise or prepare for the assessments as they are used as part of routine teaching and learning to help teachers understand how well your child is progressing and to plan next steps.

At Marr College our S3 pupils will complete the SNSA assessments over the next few weeks and hopefully all should be completed by Friday 26th April. The assessments will be delivered via three sittings, one for each aspect of reading, writing and numeracy in an ICT suite. Teachers will be on hand to support and pupils who require additional assessment arrangements will have the necessary arrangements in place.

Further information about assessing children's progress can be found on the government website at: <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/assessing-childrens-progress-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

More specific information about the new Scottish National Standardised Assessments can be found on the Scottish Government website at: <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil A. McLean". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Neil A McLean
Depute Head Teacher