



## Parent Guide: Understanding MTC, GLD and Combined – frequent questions

### MTC – Multiplication Tables Check

- **What is it?** A statutory online assessment for Year 4 pupils in England.
- **Purpose:** Checks quick recall of multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ .
- **How it works:** 25 questions, 6 seconds per question, taken in June.
- **Why it matters:** Supports later maths skills like fractions and algebra.
- **How parents can help:** Practice times tables regularly using games or apps.

### GLD – Good Level of Development

- **What is it?** A measure at the end of Reception (EYFS) to show readiness for Year 1.
- **Purpose:** Indicates if a child meets expected levels in key areas.
- **How it's judged:** Teachers assess 17 Early Learning Goals. GLD means meeting expectations in: Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication & Language, Literacy and Mathematics.
- **Why it matters:** Helps ensure a smooth transition into Year 1.

### Combined – KS2 SATs Measure

- **What is it?** A measure at the end of Year 6 showing if a child meets expected standards in Reading, Writing and Maths.

- **Combined means:** Meeting the expected standard in all three subjects.
- **Why it matters:** It's a key accountability measure for schools and shows overall attainment.
- **Example:** If a child meets expected in Reading and Maths but not Writing, they do not count towards the combined measure.

**Tip for Parents:** Stay engaged, ask teachers for feedback, and use fun learning activities at home!