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Dear Year 6 Families,

Re: CATs Testing

This half term, your child will sit a series of short CATs (Cognitive Abilities Tests) which are used by Hackney secondary schools to band the year 7 cohort into ability groups. The aim of the tests is to ensure that each school admits a wide range of children of different abilities.

These tests assess how well children can independently think about tasks and solve problems using a range of different questions. The reasoning questions are: non-verbal (shapes and patterns), verbal (words) and quantitative (numbers). There are also questions that test children's spatial ability.

The CATs test will be completed by the pupils on iPad and the tests will start on the week beginning **Monday 10th October 2022**.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please feel free to ask your child's class teacher or contact myself via the school office.

Kind regards

Matt Trahair
Headteacher