

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: The proposed Boycott of end of Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs (May 2010)**

You may be aware that the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) and National Union of Teachers (NUT) have recently held ballots of their members concerning a possible boycott of the 2010 End of Key Stage 2 Tests (SATs) due to be taken in May this year.

As a group of local headteachers, we feel unable to boycott these tests this year, as we feel that it would be unfair to the current Year 6 cohort at this late stage in the school year. Children in our schools will be taking the Year 6 SATs.

However, whilst we are not prepared to boycott the Year 6 SATs this year, we feel very strongly that the current SATs based system of assessment is no longer fit for purpose as it is based on a narrow view of the curriculum and can be restrictive on the Year 6 curriculum. League tables are not a fair or just reflection of a school's work, as flawed SATs data and inaccurate external marking has clearly shown.

We fully support the assessment of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 and believe that parents/carers and pupils are entitled to this information. We can provide this through accurate Teacher Assessments, rather than SATs. Our schools have clear assessment procedures, with ongoing and summative assessments which clearly demonstrate each child's progress and achievements.

We would welcome your comments, as we seek to ensure that the assessment information you are entitled to as your child moves from Primary to Secondary education is high quality, accurate, and obtained in a fairer, more wide ranging and supportive manner than is possible under the current system of SATs.

Please return the attached slip to your child's school by Friday 30 April 2010.

Yours sincerely

The Headteachers of:

Allington with Sedgebrook, Barrowby, Huntingtower, St Anne's, Isaac Newton, South Witham, Cliffedale, Great Ponton, Harlaxton, Gonerby Hill Foot, Earl of Dysart, Spitalgate, The National, Denton, Belton Lane, Marston Thorold, St Mary's, Barkston and Syston, Long Bennington, St Sebastians, Ropsley

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**End of Year 6 - Key Stage 2 SATS**

I have read the letter regarding the future of Key Stage 2 SATs, I would like to make the following comments:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have a child in Year ..... at \_\_\_\_\_ school.