

FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Standardised Testing Dates in KS1

In KS1 there are some standardised tests administered to children by the government. The dates of these are beyond the schools control. It is essential that children are present at school during these times.

As the weather is getting gloomy we know people may be thinking of sunnier climates, so we are writing to inform you that we will not be authorising holiday under any circumstances for any child in Year 1 or Year 2 during the following periods:

At any time during the <u>week beginning Monday 12th June 2016</u> or <u>the week beginning Monday 19th June 2016</u>. This is due to the Phonics Screening Check being administered through KS1.

For Year 2 children we will not authorise holiday at any time during **the whole month of May.** This is due to the new standardised tests being administered in Year 2.

These are essential tests that your child cannot miss. Please ensure that your child is not absent from school for any reason during these times. The results of these tests will be reported to you in your child's end of year report.

Thank you for your support with this.

Emily Thompson Deputy Headteacher - KS1