Dear Parent

Your son is taking our entrance tests in October.

As you will be aware, the Stage One Test will test Maths and English in a multiple-choice style format this year.

To help familiarise your son with the way to mark answers on the multiple choice answer sheet, examples of how to answer both the Maths and English questions are below.

Please go through these with your son prior to the test day.

He will see the same examples again at the beginning of his tests.

ENGLISH

How to mark your answers on the answer sheet

There are questions that have three, four or five possible answers from which you must pick one answer. There is one correct answer to each question. Each answer corresponds to an alphabetical letter. Once you have decided on your answer, you must mark this letter on your answer sheet. The choice of letters will change from question to question.

Example

I would like to go to the zoo _____ I really love elephants.

F) although   G) sometimes   H) because   J) or   K) despite

The answer is H. You would mark H on your answer sheet by drawing a line through the H like this:

You may be asked to choose the letter that completes the first word and begins the second word.

Example   tou(__)ope   doo(__)oof

                L) e   M) t   N) y   O) m   P) r

The answer is P because   tou(**r**)ope   doo(**r**)oof

So you would mark P on your answer sheet by drawing a line through the P like this:

You may be asked to find a hidden four letter word which starts at the end of one word and finishes at the beginning of the next word.

Example

The contagious new illness spread instantly across the small town.

A	B	C	D	E

The contagious ne<u>w ill</u>ness spread instantly across the small town.

The answer is B because the new four letter word is *will*. This word is above the B answer box so you would mark B on your answer sheet by drawing a line through the B like this:

⊏A⊐
⊏B̶⊐
⊏C⊐
⊏D⊐
⊏E⊐

For each of your answers, draw a solid horizontal line through the red letter in the answer box. Your line needs to touch each side of the small red brackets around your answer.

It does not matter if your line goes beyond the small red brackets but it must **not cross any of the long vertical blue dividing lines.**

MATHS

How to mark your answers on the answer sheet

Your answers may be one, two, three or four digit numbers.

For these answers the columns represent thousands, hundreds, tens and units.

<u>Examples</u>:

1.   Work out 10 – 3
      The answer is **7**

In the answer box for the question, draw a line through the 7 like this:

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 ┌─────┐
 │     │
 │ ⊏0⊐ │
 │ ⊏1⊐ │
 │ ⊏2⊐ │
 │ ⊏3⊐ │
 │ ⊏4⊐ │
 │ ⊏5⊐ │
 │ ⊏6⊐ │
 │ ─7─ │
 │ ⊏8⊐ │
 │ ⊏9⊐ │
 └─────┘
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2.   Calculate 16 x 3
      The answer is **48**

In the answer box for the question, draw a line through the 4
in the 'tens' and through the 8 in the 'units' column like this:

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 │         │
 │ ⊏0⊐ ⊏0⊐ │
 │ ⊏1⊐ ⊏1⊐ │
 │ ⊏2⊐ ⊏2⊐ │
 │ ⊏3⊐ ⊏3⊐ │
 │ ─4─ ⊏4⊐ │
 │ ⊏5⊐ ⊏5⊐ │
 │ ⊏6⊐ ⊏6⊐ │
 │ ⊏7⊐ ⊏7⊐ │
 │ ⊏8⊐ ─8─ │
 │ ⊏9⊐ ⊏9⊐ │
 └─────────┘
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3.   Work out 521 + 109
      The answer is **630**

In the answer box for the question, draw a line through the 6
in the 'hundreds' column, through the 3 in the 'tens' and through
the 0 in the 'units' column like this:

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 │             │
 │ ⊏0⊐ ⊏0⊐ ─0─ │
 │ ⊏1⊐ ⊏1⊐ ⊏1⊐ │
 │ ⊏2⊐ ⊏2⊐ ⊏2⊐ │
 │ ⊏3⊐ ─3─ ⊏3⊐ │
 │ ⊏4⊐ ⊏4⊐ ⊏4⊐ │
 │ ⊏5⊐ ⊏5⊐ ⊏5⊐ │
 │ ─6─ ⊏6⊐ ⊏6⊐ │
 │ ⊏7⊐ ⊏7⊐ ⊏7⊐ │
 │ ⊏8⊐ ⊏8⊐ ⊏8⊐ │
 │ ⊏9⊐ ⊏9⊐ ⊏9⊐ │
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4.   Work out 18410 ÷ 2
     The answer is **9205**

In the answer box for the question, draw a line through the 9 in the 'thousands' column, draw a line through the 2 in the 'hundreds' column, then through the 0 in the 'tens' column and through the 5 in the 'units' column like this:

Some questions may ask you to give a time for your answer.

<u>Example:</u>

5.   It is 06:45 and I must leave for school in twenty minutes.
     What time must I leave for school?

     The answer is **07:05**

Like a digital clock, the first two columns represent hours and the last two columns represent minutes. So the time 07:05 is shown by drawing a line through 0 and 7 to represent 07 hours and then through 0 and 5 to indicate 5 minutes after 7 o'clock like this:

Finally, you may be asked to select an option from a set of choices.

<u>Example:</u>

6.   What is the smallest 7 digit number that can be obtained by using the following digits: 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9?

     A) 1245790   B) 1024579   C) 1024597   D) 2457910   E) 104579

     The answer is **B**

     In the answer box draw a line through the letter B like this:

With all answers, it does not matter if your horizontal lines go outside the red brackets, but you must stay inside the blue box.